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PLEASE... HAVE MERCY... INCREASE THE DOSAGE...FINISH ME OFF FAST!
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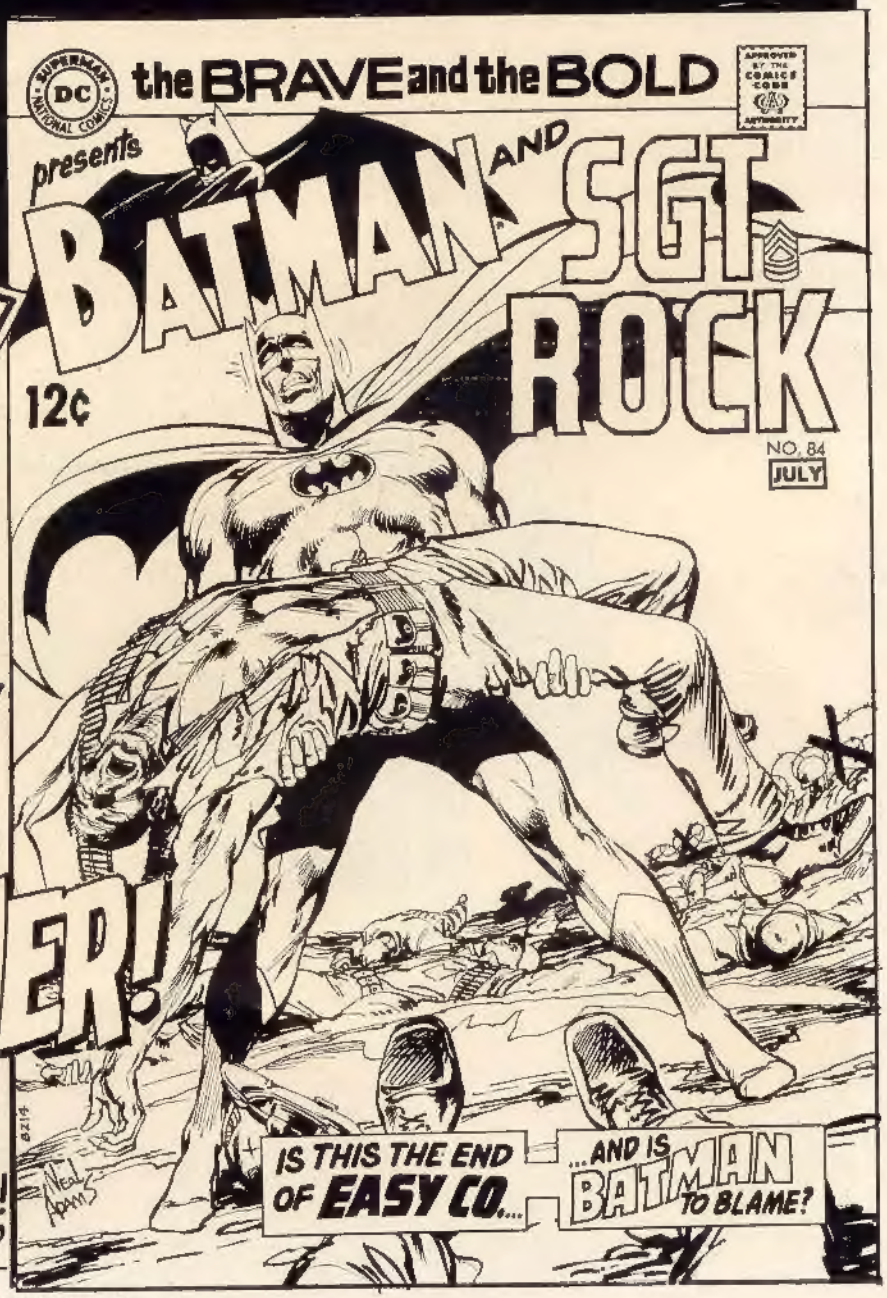

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SUPERMAN
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BULLETS, FIRE, DYNAMITE... EVEN AN H-BOMB CAN'T HARM THE MAGNIFICENT MAN OF STEEL! ONLY ONE SUBSTANCE... KRYPTONITE... CAN KILL HIM. AND HE HAS A DEFENSE AGAINST IT... LEAD! BUT WHEN THE UNDERWORLD FINDS A MEANS TO DESTROY THAT SOLE PROTECTION, SUPERMAN FINDS HIMSELF AT THEIR MERCY, IN...
"The CAGE of DOOM!"
COME ON, SUPERMAN! IT'S A SHAME YOU'RE TOO WEAK TO WALK INTO THIS CAGE!
'CAUSE IT'S A CINCH YOU'LL NEVER WALK OUT... ALIVE! HAW, HAW!
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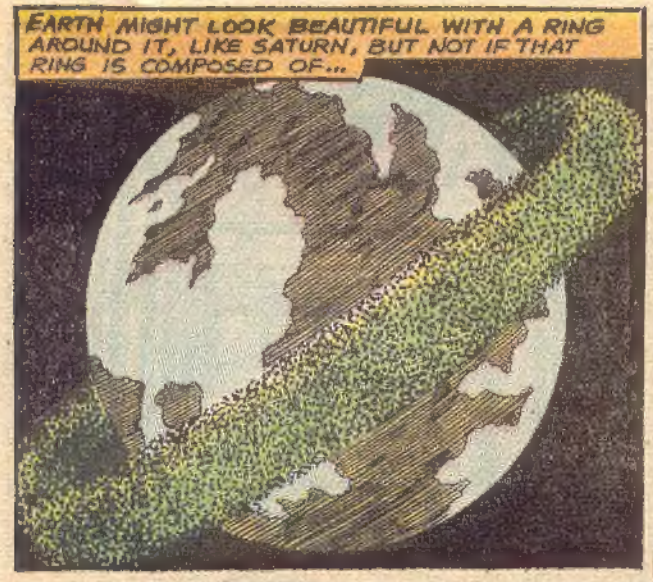
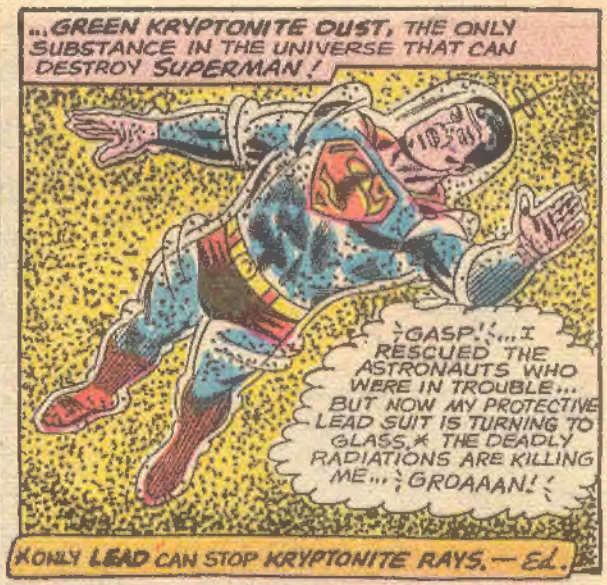
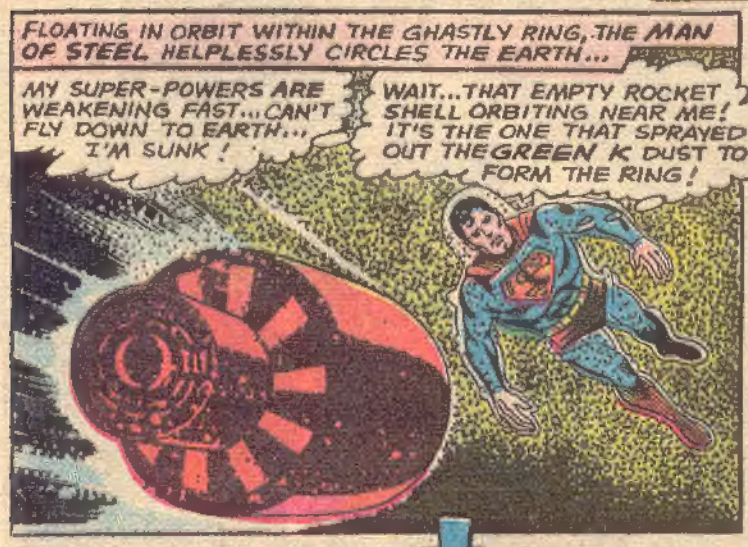
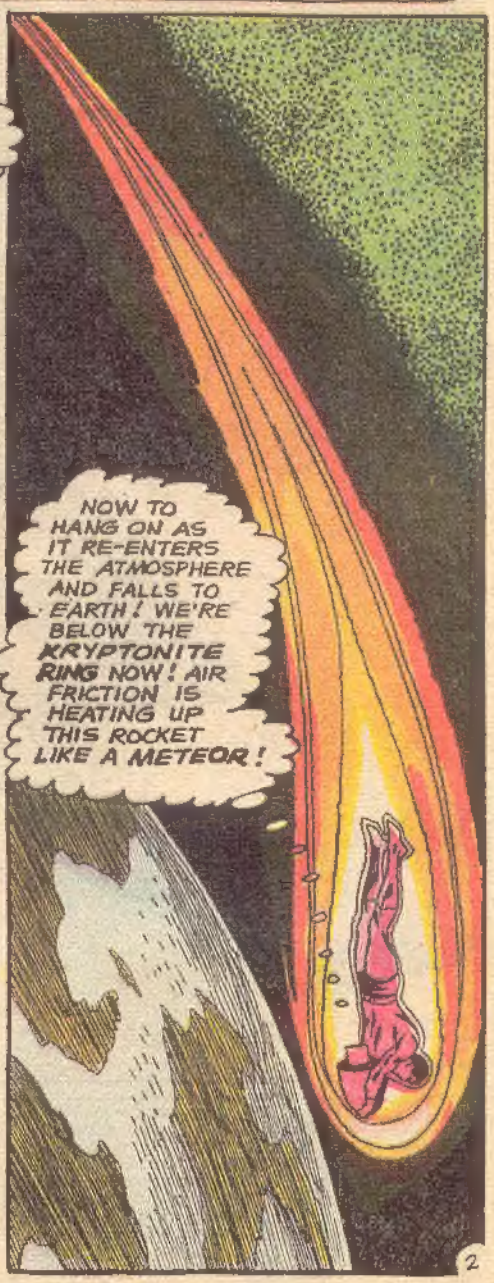

EARTH MIGHT LOOK BEAUTIFUL WITH A RING AROUND IT, LIKE SATURN, BUT NOT IF THAT RING IS COMPOSED OF...


...GREEN KRYPTONITE DUST, THE ONLY SUBSTANCE IN THE UNIVERSE THAT CAN DESTROY SUPERMAN!
GASP!... I RESCUED THE ASTRONAUTS WHO WERE IN TROUBLE... BUT NOW MY PROTECTIVE LEAD SUIT IS TURNING TO GLASS, * THE DEADLY RADIATIONS ARE KILLING ME... GROAAAN!
*ONLY LEAD CAN STOP KRYPTONITE RAYS. — Ed.


FLOATING IN ORBIT WITHIN THE GHASTLY RING, THE MAN OF STEEL HELPLESSLY CIRCLES THE EARTH...
MY SUPER-POWERS ARE WEAKENING FAST... CAN'T FLY DOWN TO EARTH... I'M SUNK!
WAIT... THAT EMPTY ROCKET SHELL ORBITING NEAR ME! IT'S THE ONE THAT SPRAYED OUT THE GREEN K DUST TO FORM THE RING!

EXERTING THE LAST SHRED OF HIS VANISHING SUPER-ENERGY, THE STRICKEN HERO MOVES TOWARD THE ROCKET...
GOT TO... GASP! GRAB IT... AH! JUST IN TIME!


NOW TO HANG ON AS IT RE-ENTERS THE ATMOSPHERE AND FALLS TO EARTH! WE'RE BELOW THE KRYPTONITE RING NOW! AIR FRICTION IS HEATING UP THIS ROCKET LIKE A METEOR!

MEANWHILE, A MONITOR SCREEN PICKS UP THIS LAST-MINUTE REPRIEVE FOR THE MAN OF MIGHT...
BAH! SUPERMAN ESCAPED THE KRYPTONITE RING! AND AFTER ALL THE TROUBLE AND EXPENSE OF GETTING IT UP THERE!
MY GLASS SUIT IS MELTING! BUT I CAN STAND THE TERRIFIC HEAT! WITHOUT THE GREEN K AROUND, I'M AS INVULNERABLE AS EVER!
YES, THE SCHEME WAS PLANNED BY THE VICIOUS ANTI-SUPERMAN GANG, WHOSE GOAL IS TO EXTERMINATE THE KRYPTONIAN CRIME-FIGHTER!
BLAST IT! IF ONLY WE COULD WIPE OUT SUPERMAN AS EASILY AS I CAN WRECK THIS STATUE OF HIM!
BANG BANG! BANG!
CONTROL YOUR TEMPER, CHIEF! WE NEED COOL HEADS TO TACKLE SUPIE!
AND I THOUGHT I'D WON THAT MILLION-DOLLAR REWARD YOU OFFERED FOR KILLING SUPERMAN!
SURE...WE TRIED TO FINISH HIM FOUR TIMES AND FLOPPED EVERY ATTEMPT!
"FIRST WAS 'EUREKA' SMYTH, WHO'D INVENTED A MATTER TRANSMITTER!"
I CAN PROJECT OBJECTS THROUGH THE AIR AS ATOM-WAVES THAT REASSEMBLE WHEN THEY REACH THEIR DESTINATION! I CAN EASILY MAKE A BULLET MATERIALIZE IN SUPERMAN'S BRAIN... AND KILL HIM!
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"BUT WHEN HE TRIED HIS SCHEME, AIMING THE BULLET'S ATOM-WAVES ACROSS TOWN, AT SUPERMAN'S HEAD..."
YOU DUMMY! YOU FORGOT SUPERMAN'S SKIN IS INVULNERABLE! EVEN IN WAVE FORM, THE BULLET COULDN'T PENETRATE HIS BRAIN! IT FORMED OUTSIDE HIS HEAD! BAH!
"WHEN 'WHEELS' TALBOT SEEMED TO HAVE A FOOL-PROOF PLAN..."
LOOK! WHEREVER SUPERMAN GOES ON EARTH, HE HEARS MY SUPER-SIREN, WHICH ISN'T AUDIBLE TO ORDINARY HUMAN EARS! BUT IT'S AMPLIFIED SO LOUD BY HIS OWN SUPER-HEARING IT'LL DRIVE HIM CRAZY!
EEEE EEEEEEE EEEEEEEEE
"BUT AS WE LATER LEARNED, SUPERMAN FLEW INTO SPACE, AND..."
THIS WHITE DWARF STAR IS MADE OF NEUTRONIUM, THE HEAVIEST MATERIAL IN THE UNIVERSE! EACH HANDFUL WEIGHS A MILLION TONS!
"NEXT, 'BRAINS' LOGAN CAME UP WITH HIS BRAINSTORM ...WHICH HE TRIED OUT WHILE SUPIE WAS GIVING A CHARITY PERFORMANCE..."
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO MY COSTUME? WHY IS MY CAPE...CLUTCHING AT MY THROAT?
BECAUSE I USED MY SUPER-SHRINKING SPRAY ON YOUR OUTFIT, SUPERMAN! AS YOUR INDESTRUCTIBLE SUPER-SUIT SHRINKS, IT WILL SUPER-SQUEEZE YOU TO DEATH! HA, HA, HA!
"WHEN THE NEUTRONIUM COOLED AND HARDENED, SUPERMAN HAD TWO SUPER-EAR PLUGS!"
THAT PREVENTS THE SUPER-SIREN SOUND FROM PENETRATING MY EARS! WHEN IT STOPS, I CAN HURL THE HEAVY PLUGS INTO SPACE!
EEEEEEEEE
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"BUT BLAST IT! THE SUPER PAIN-IN-THE-NECK WASN'T WEARING HIS REAL SUPER-SUIT..."
LOOK! HE WAS WEARING A FAKE COSTUME SO HE COULD BLOW UP HIS REAL ONE LIKE A BALLOON; TO DEMONSTRATE ITS STRETCHABILITY!
"AND THE SPRAY WOULDN'T WORK ON THE GENUINE SUPER-OUTFIT!"
"AFTER THREE FLOPS, WE DIDN'T HAVE MUCH HOPE LEFT, WHEN 'GIANT KILLER' JONES CAME IN... ESPECIALLY WHEN WE SAW WHAT HE HELD UP..."
GENTLEMEN, YOUR WORRIES ARE OVER AND THE MILLION IS AS GOOD AS MINE! I'LL FINISH OFF SUPERMAN WITH A RAY THAT MAKES THIS!
HUH? A SLIVER OF PLAIN GLASS? WHAT SQUIRREL FARM DID YOU ESCAPE FROM?
"BUT WE CHANGED OUR TUNE LATER... WHEN SUPERMAN HELPED CELEBRATE UNITED WORLDS DAY WITH A LOAD OF SPACE FIREWORKS!"
FIREWORKS
NOW! SHOOT THAT KRYPTONITE ROCKET UP INTO ORBIT, NEAR SUPERMAN!
OKAY, "GIANT KILLER"! THREE ...TWO... ONE... BLAST OFF!!
"AFTER THE ROCKET MADE A FULL EARTH-ORBIT, SUPERMAN FIRST NOTICED IT... AND THE GREEN K DUST IT HAD EJECTED..."
S.O.S.
EARTH LOOKS LIKE SATURN, BUT WITH A KRYPTONITE RING... GASP!! GOT TO FLY DOWN FAST BEFORE THE GREEN K CLOSES IN ON ME! BUT I'LL HAVE TO RETURN! THE MEN WHO WERE SENT UP IN THAT SPACE CAPSULE ARE IN TROUBLE!
"SO, SUPERMAN GOT INTO A LEAD SUIT, WHICH STOPS KRYPTONITE RAYS, AND STREAKED BACK INTO SPACE FOR THE RESCUE JOB..."
I MUST SAVE THESE APOLLO ASTRONAUTS! THE KRYPTONITE RADIATIONS THREW THEIR RETRO-ROCKETS OFF BALANCE!
THERE... THEY'LL HAVE A SAFE RE-ENTRY NOW!
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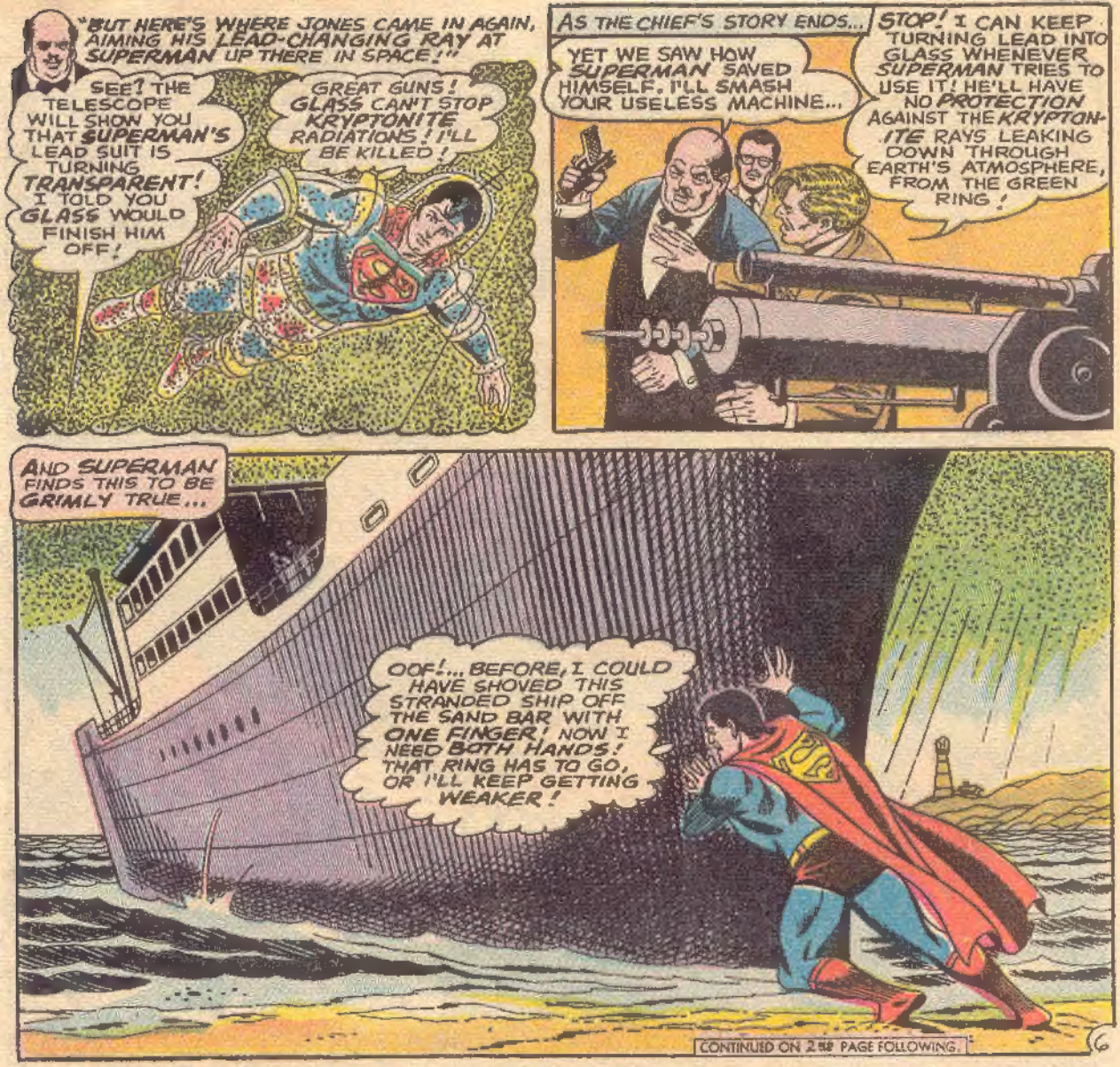
"BUT HERE'S WHERE JONES CAME IN AGAIN, AIMING HIS LEAD-CHANGING RAY AT SUPERMAN UP THERE IN SPACE!"
SEE! THE TELESCOPE WILL SHOW YOU THAT SUPERMAN'S LEAD SUIT IS TURNING TRANSPARENT! I TOLD YOU GLASS WOULD FINISH HIM OFF!
GREAT GUNS! GLASS CAN'T STOP KRYPTONITE RADIATIONS! I'LL BE KILLED!
AS THE CHIEF'S STORY ENDS...
YET WE SAW HOW SUPERMAN SAVED HIMSELF. I'LL SMASH YOUR USELESS MACHINE...
STOP! I CAN KEEP TURNING LEAD INTO GLASS WHENEVER SUPERMAN TRIES TO USE IT! HE'LL HAVE NO PROTECTION AGAINST THE KRYPTONITE RAYS LEAKING DOWN THROUGH EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE, FROM THE GREEN RING!
AND SUPERMAN FINDS THIS TO BE GRIMLY TRUE...
OOF!... BEFORE, I COULD HAVE SHOVED THIS STRANDED SHIP OFF THE SAND BAR WITH ONE FINGER! NOW I NEED BOTH HANDS! THAT RING HAS TO GO, OR I'LL KEEP GETTING WEAKER!
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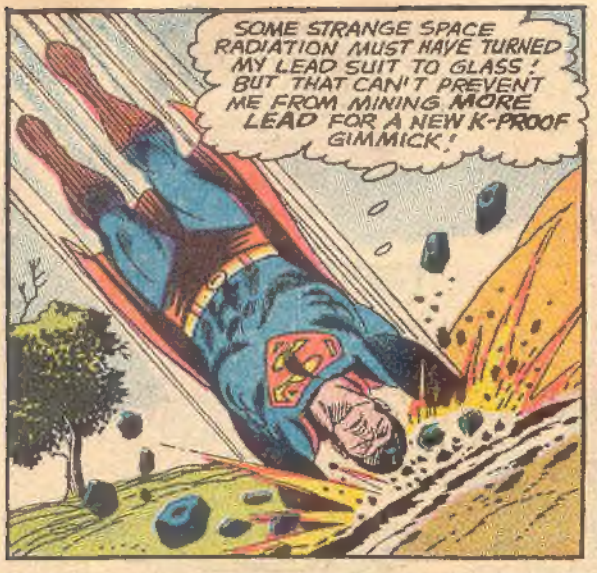
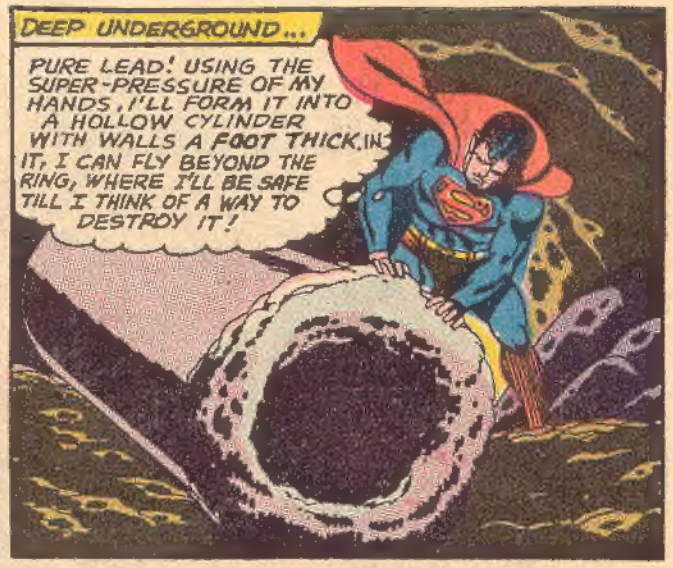
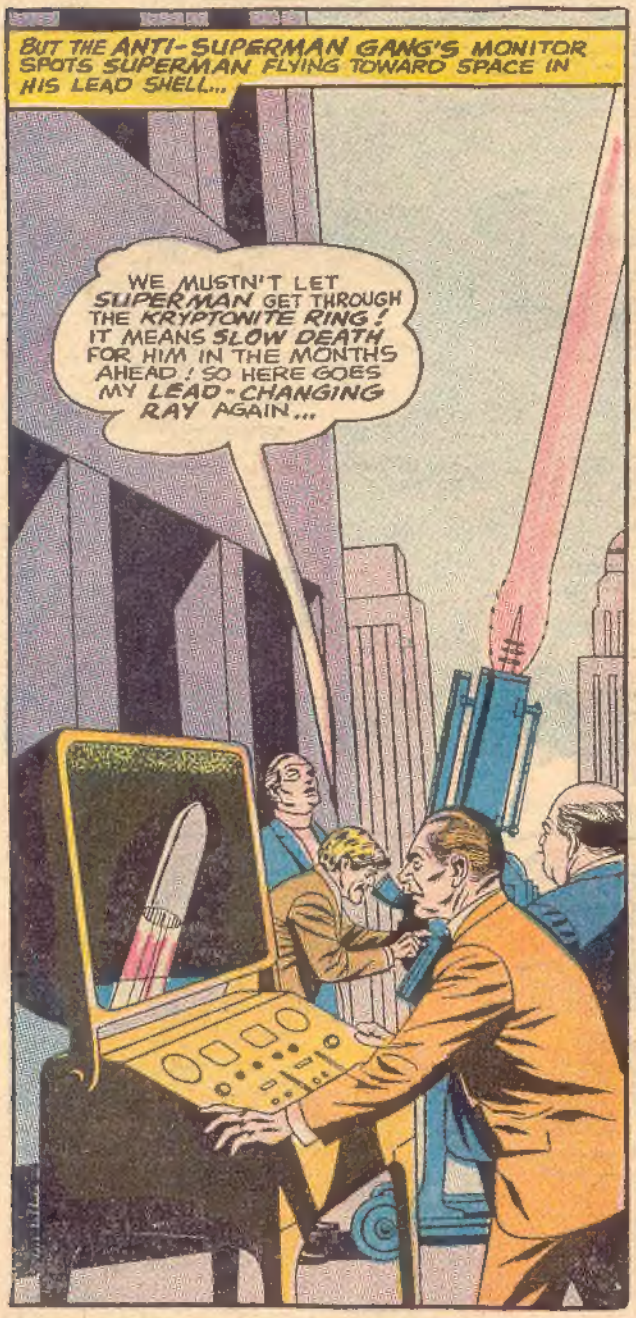
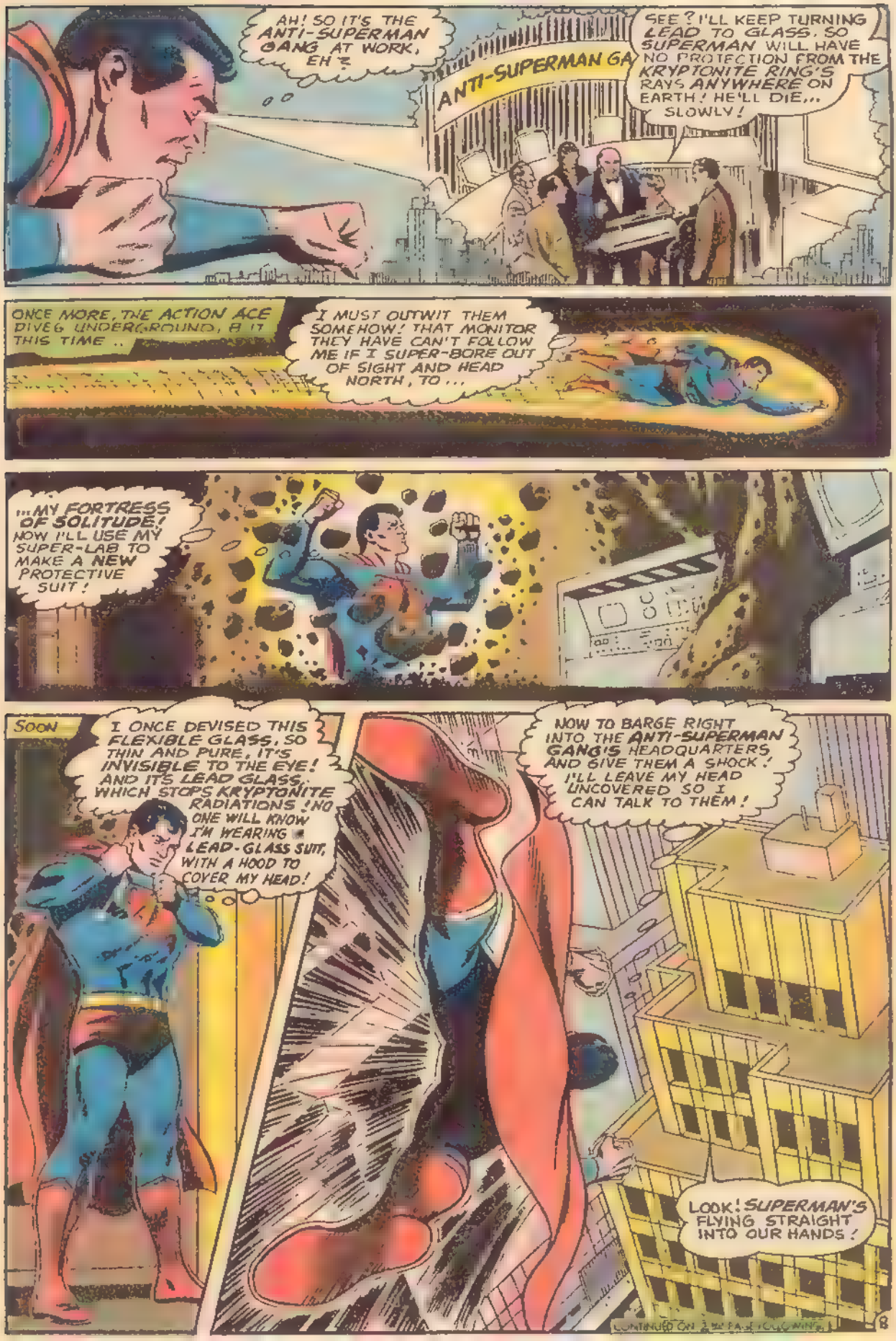

SOME STRANGE SPACE RADIATION MUST HAVE TURNED MY LEAD SUIT TO GLASS! BUT THAT CAN'T PREVENT ME FROM MINING MORE LEAD FOR A NEW K-PROOF GIMMICK!


DEEP UNDERGROUND...
PURE LEAD! USING THE SUPER-PRESSURE OF MY HANDS, I'LL FORM IT INTO A HOLLOW CYLINDER WITH WALLS A FOOT THICK. IN IT, I CAN FLY BEYOND THE RING, WHERE I'LL BE SAFE TILL I THINK OF A WAY TO DESTROY IT!


BUT THE ANTI-SUPERMAN GANG'S MONITOR SPOTS SUPERMAN FLYING TOWARD SPACE IN HIS LEAD SHELL...
WE MUSTN'T LET SUPERMAN GET THROUGH THE KRYPTONITE RING! IT MEANS SLOW DEATH FOR HIM IN THE MONTHS AHEAD! SO HERE GOES MY LEAD-CHANGING RAY AGAIN...

GREAT COMETS! THE LEAD IS CHANGING INTO GLASS... SAME AS BEFORE! GOT TO TURN BACK BEFORE I GET TRAPPED IN THE K-RING!

THE CYLINDER IS USELESS TO ME NOW! I'LL FLY BACK ON MY OWN!
HMM...WAIT... THAT WASN'T CAUSED BY SPACE RADIATION! MY SUPER-VISION SHOWS A PECULIAR RAY COMING FROM BELOW! I CAN TRACE IT TO ITS SOURCE!


AH! SO IT'S THE ANTI-SUPERMAN GANG AT WORK, EH?
ANTI-SUPERMAN GA
SEE? I'LL KEEP TURNING LEAD TO GLASS, SO SUPERMAN WILL HAVE NO PROTECTION FROM THE KRYPTONITE RING'S RAYS ANYWHERE ON EARTH! HE'LL DIE... SLOWLY!
ONCE MORE, THE ACTION ACE DIVES UNDERGROUND, B IT THIS TIME ..
I MUST OUTWIT THEM SOMEHOW! THAT MONITOR THEY HAVE CAN'T FOLLOW ME IF I SUPER-BORE OUT OF SIGHT AND HEAD NORTH, TO ...
...MY FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE! NOW I'LL USE MY SUPER-LAB TO MAKE A NEW PROTECTIVE SUIT!
SOON
I ONCE DEVISED THIS FLEXIBLE GLASS, SO THIN AND PURE, IT'S INVISIBLE TO THE EYE! AND IT'S LEAD GLASS, WHICH STOPS KRYPTONITE RADIATIONS! NO ONE WILL KNOW I'M WEARING A LEAD-GLASS SUIT, WITH A HOOD TO COVER MY HEAD!
NOW TO BARGE RIGHT INTO THE ANTI-SUPERMAN GANG'S HEADQUARTERS AND GIVE THEM A SHOCK! I'LL LEAVE MY HEAD UNCOVERED SO I CAN TALK TO THEM!
LOOK! SUPERMAN'S FLYING STRAIGHT INTO OUR HANDS!
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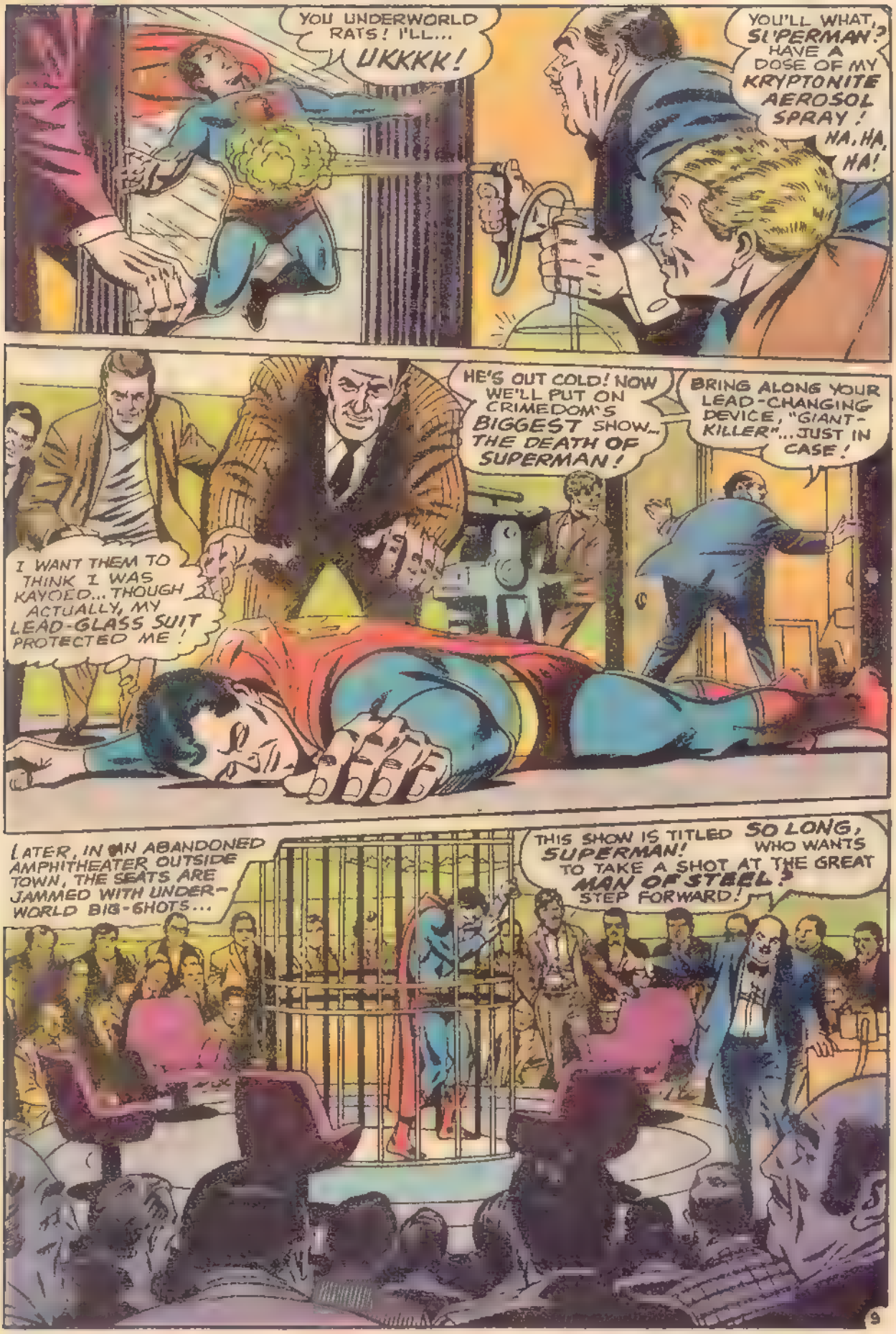
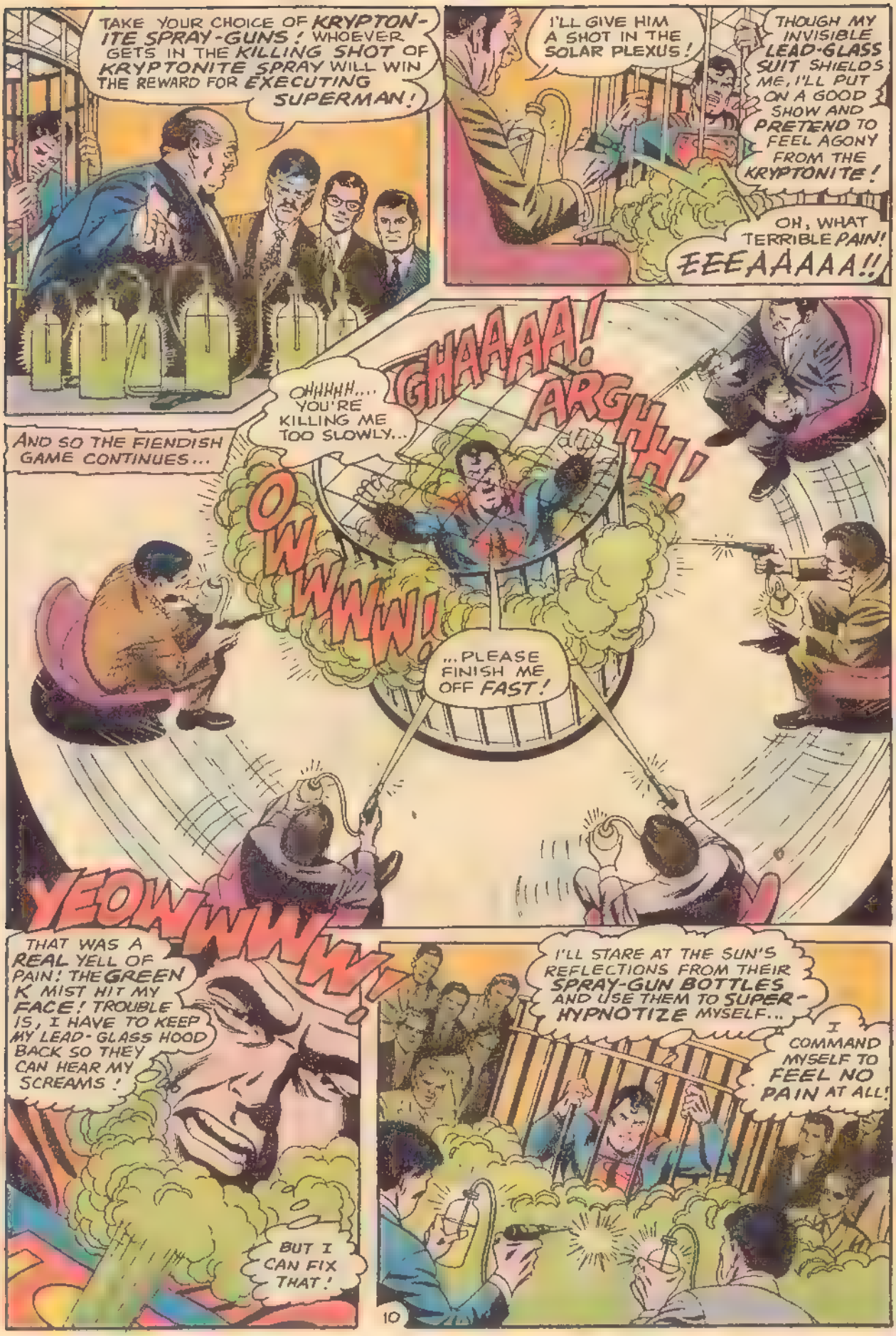
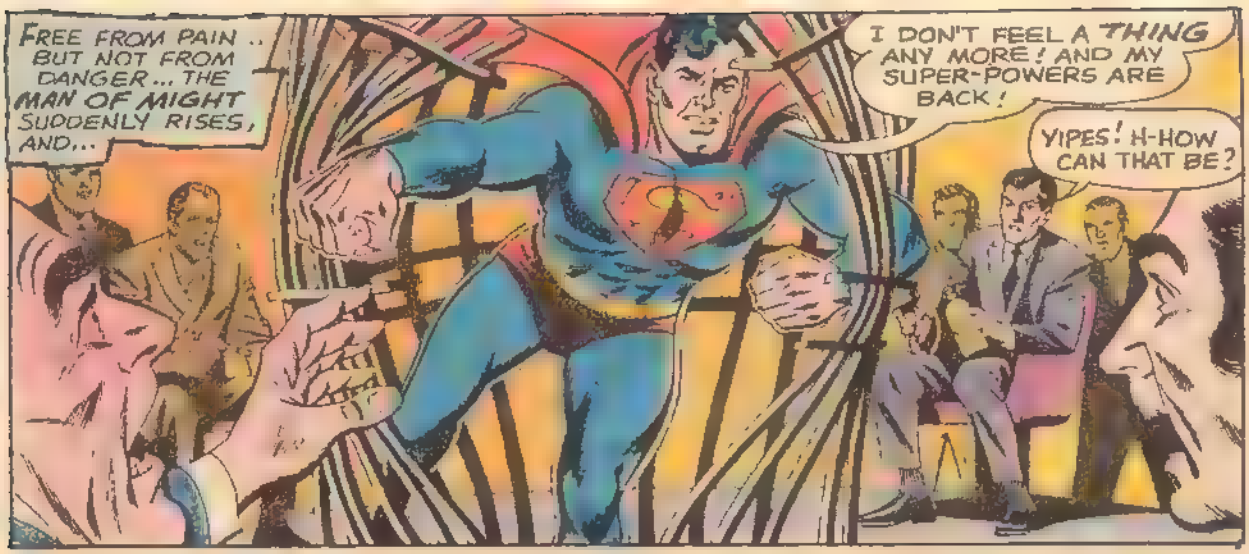
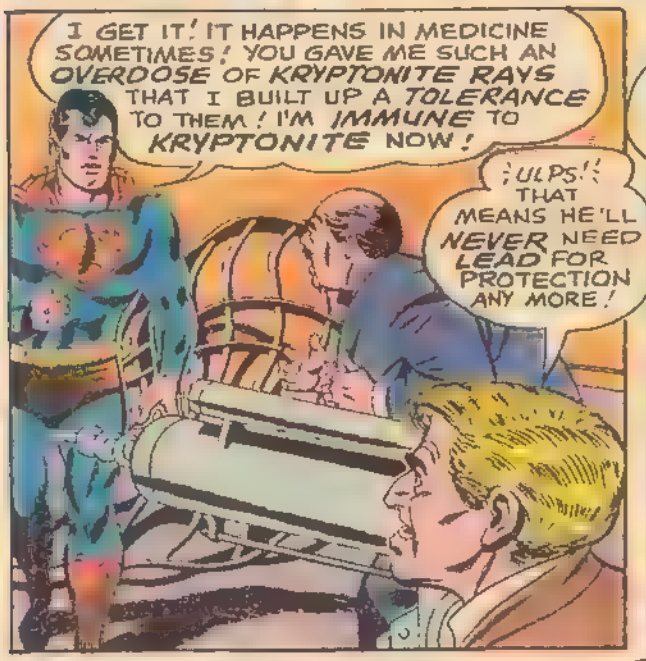
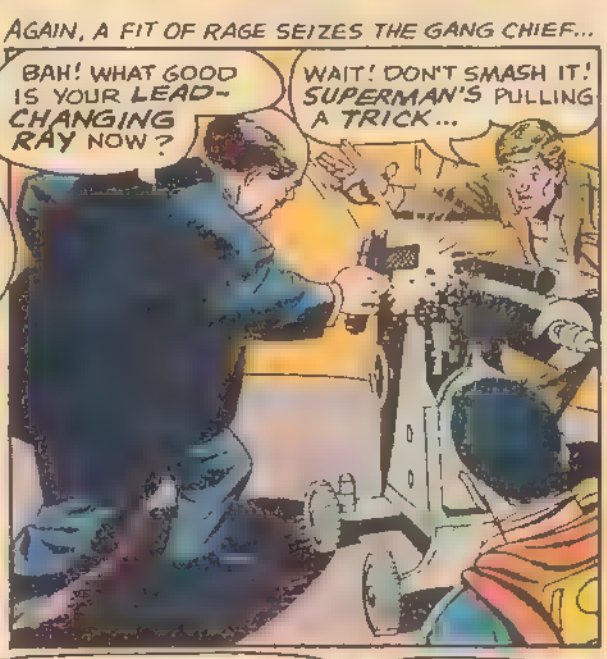
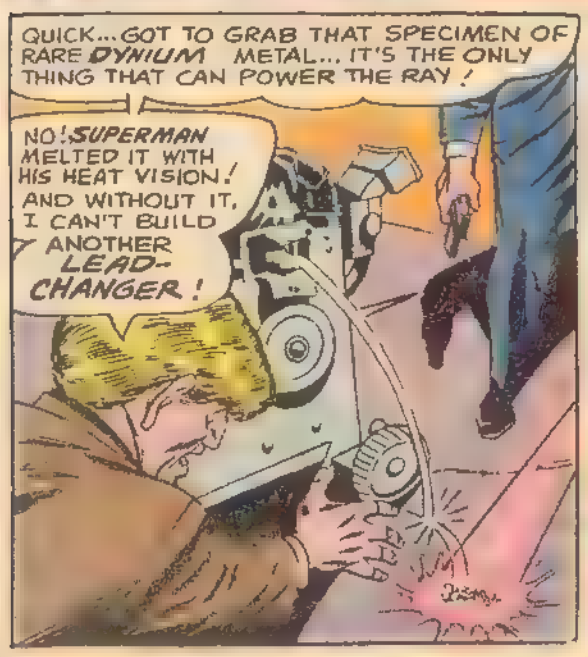

YOU UNDERWORLD RATS! I'LL... UKKKK!
YOU'LL WHAT, SUPERMAN? HAVE A DOSE OF MY KRYPTONITE AEROSOL SPRAY! HA, HA, HA!
HE'S OUT COLD! NOW WE'LL PUT ON CRIMEDOM'S BIGGEST SHOW... THE DEATH OF SUPERMAN!
BRING ALONG YOUR LEAD-CHANGING DEVICE, "GIANT-KILLER"... JUST IN CASE!
I WANT THEM TO THINK I WAS KAYOED... THOUGH ACTUALLY, MY LEAD-GLASS SUIT PROTECTED ME!
LATER, IN AN ABANDONED AMPHITHEATER OUTSIDE TOWN, THE SEATS ARE JAMMED WITH UNDERWORLD BIG-SHOTS...
THIS SHOW IS TITLED SUPERMAN! SO LONG, WHO WANTS TO TAKE A SHOT AT THE GREAT MAN OF STEEL? STEP FORWARD!


TAKE YOUR CHOICE OF KRYPTONITE SPRAY-GUNS! WHOEVER GETS IN THE KILLING SHOT OF KRYPTONITE SPRAY WILL WIN THE REWARD FOR EXECUTING SUPERMAN!
I'LL GIVE HIM A SHOT IN THE SOLAR PLEXUS!
THOUGH MY INVISIBLE LEAD-GLASS SUIT SHIELDS ME, I'LL PUT ON A GOOD SHOW AND PRETEND TO FEEL AGONY FROM THE KRYPTONITE!
OH, WHAT TERRIBLE PAIN! EEEAAAAA!!
AND SO THE FIENDISH GAME CONTINUES...
OHHHH... YOU'RE KILLING ME TOO SLOWLY..
GHAAAA! ARGHH!
OWWWW!
..PLEASE FINISH ME OFF FAST!
YEOWWWW!
THAT WAS A REAL YELL OF PAIN! THE GREEN K MIST HIT MY FACE! TROUBLE IS, I HAVE TO KEEP MY LEAD-GLASS HOOD BACK SO THEY CAN HEAR MY SCREAMS!
BUT I CAN FIX THAT!
I'LL STARE AT THE SUN'S REFLECTIONS FROM THEIR SPRAY-GUN BOTTLES AND USE THEM TO SUPER-HYPNOTIZE MYSELF...
I COMMAND MYSELF TO FEEL NO PAIN AT ALL!

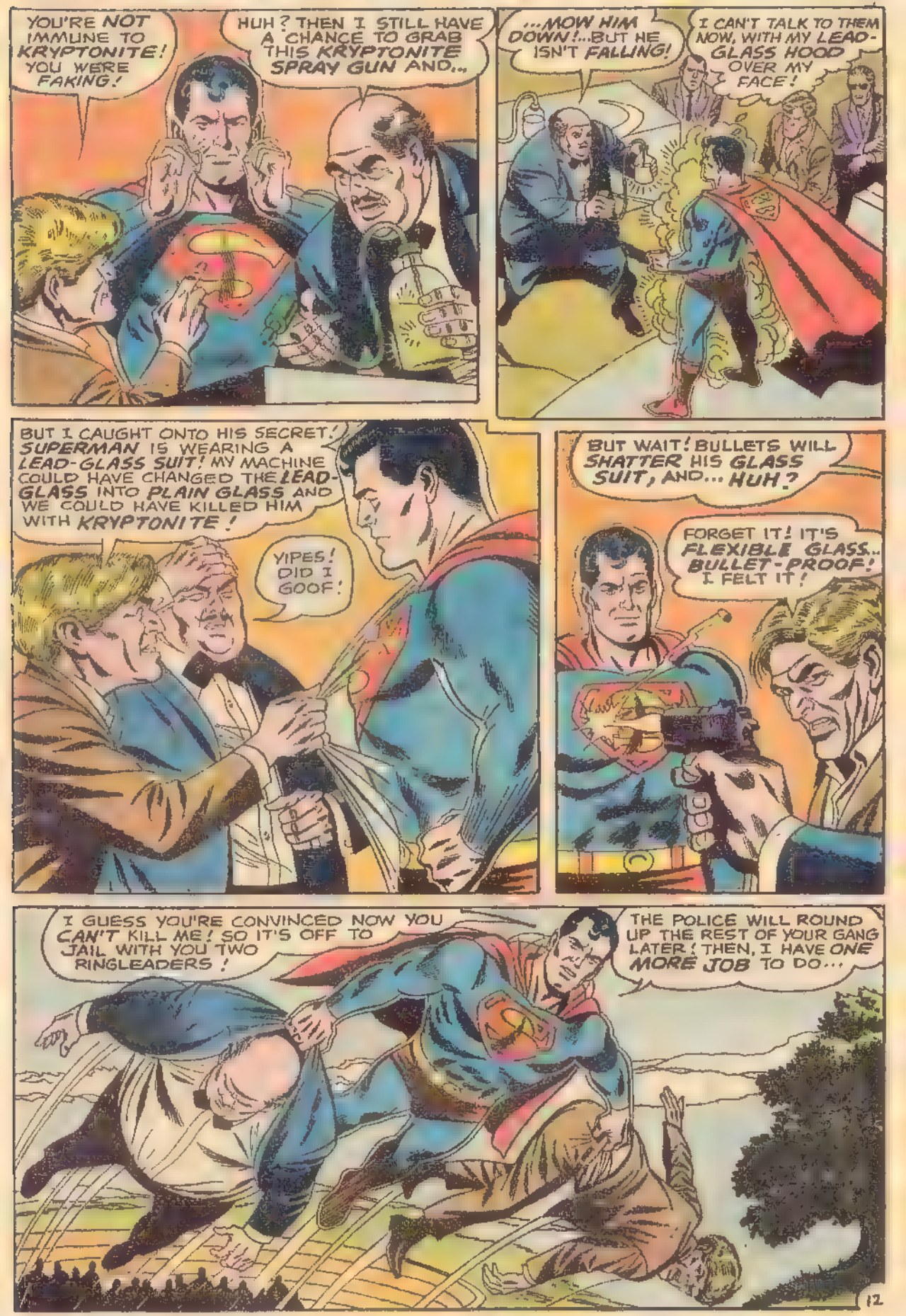

FREE FROM PAIN .. BUT NOT FROM DANGER... THE MAN OF MIGHT SUDDENLY RISES, AND...
I DON'T FEEL A THING ANY MORE! AND MY SUPER-POWERS ARE BACK!
YIPES! H-HOW CAN THAT BE?

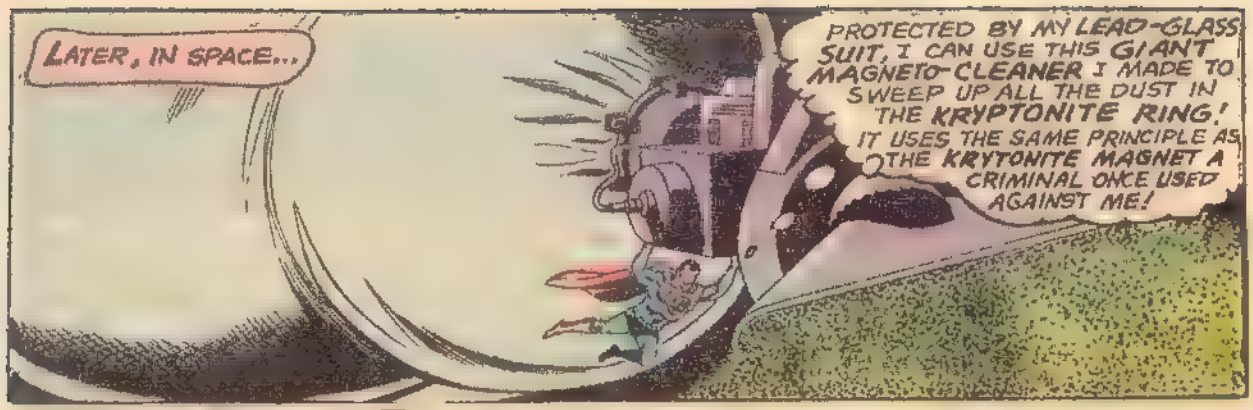

I GET IT! IT HAPPENS IN MEDICINE SOMETIMES! YOU GAVE ME SUCH AN OVERDOSE OF KRYPTONITE RAYS THAT I BUILT UP A TOLERANCE TO THEM! I'M IMMUNE TO KRYPTONITE NOW!
¡ULPS!! THAT MEANS HE'LL NEVER NEED LEAD FOR PROTECTION ANY MORE!

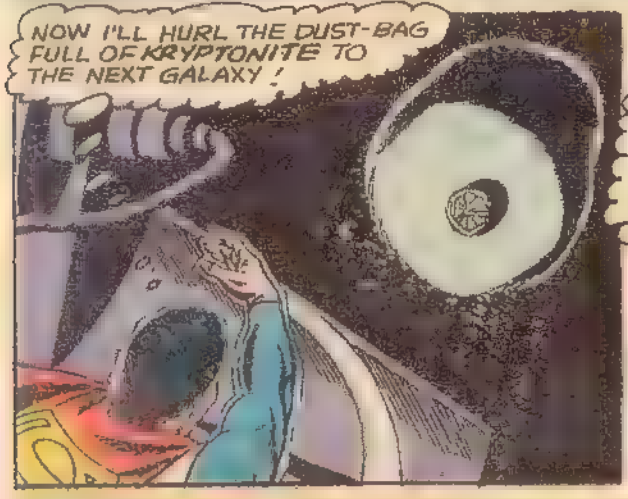

AGAIN, A FIT OF RAGE SEIZES THE GANG CHIEF...
BAH! WHAT GOOD IS YOUR LEAD-CHANGING RAY NOW?
WAIT! DON'T SMASH IT! SUPERMAN'S PULLING A TRICK...

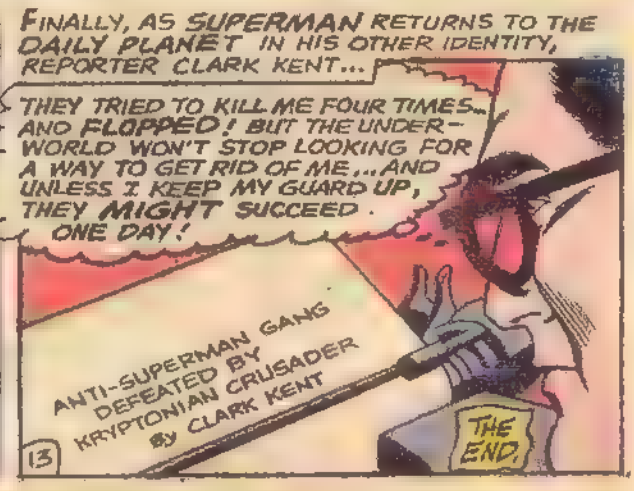

QUICK... GOT TO GRAB THAT SPECIMEN OF RARE DYNIUM METAL... IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT CAN POWER THE RAY!
NO! SUPERMAN MELTED IT WITH HIS HEAT VISION! AND WITHOUT IT, I CAN'T BUILD ANOTHER LEAD-CHANGER!

THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO KNOW! I COULD HAVE WRECKED YOUR MACHINE MYSELF, BUT THEN I WOULDN'T HAVE HAD THE EVIDENCE TO JAIL YOU... NOT UNTIL YOU TRIED TO EXECUTE ME!
YES, BUT I KNOW HOW YOU TRICKED US, SUPERMAN!


YOU'RE NOT IMMUNE TO KRYPTONITE! YOU WERE FAKING!
HUH? THEN I STILL HAVE A CHANCE TO GRAB THIS KRYPTONITE SPRAY GUN AND..
...MOW HIM DOWN!...BUT HE ISN'T FALLING!
I CAN'T TALK TO THEM NOW, WITH MY LEAD-GLASS HOOD OVER MY FACE!
BUT I CAUGHT ONTO HIS SECRET! SUPERMAN IS WEARING A LEAD-GLASS SUIT! MY MACHINE COULD HAVE CHANGED THE LEAD-GLASS INTO PLAIN GLASS AND WE COULD HAVE KILLED HIM WITH KRYPTONITE!
YIPES! DID I GOOF!
BUT WAIT! BULLETS WILL SHATTER HIS GLASS SUIT, AND... HUH?
FORGET IT! IT'S FLEXIBLE GLASS.. BULLET-PROOF! I FELT IT!
I GUESS YOU'RE CONVINCED NOW YOU CAN'T KILL ME! SO IT'S OFF TO JAIL WITH YOU TWO RINGLEADERS!
THE POLICE WILL ROUND UP THE REST OF YOUR GANG LATER! THEN, I HAVE ONE MORE JOB TO DO...


LATER, IN SPACE...
PROTECTED BY MY LEAD-GLASS SUIT, I CAN USE THIS GIANT MAGNETO-CLEANER I MADE TO SWEEP UP ALL THE DUST IN THE KRYPTONITE RING! IT USES THE SAME PRINCIPLE AS THE KRYTONITE MAGNET A CRIMINAL ONCE USED AGAINST ME!


NOW I'LL HURL THE DUST-BAG FULL OF KRYPTONITE TO THE NEXT GALAXY!


FINALLY, AS SUPERMAN RETURNS TO THE DAILY PLANET IN HIS OTHER IDENTITY, REPORTER CLARK KENT...
THEY TRIED TO KILL ME FOUR TIMES... AND FLOPPED! BUT THE UNDER-WORLD WON'T STOP LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GET RID OF ME...AND UNLESS I KEEP MY GUARD UP, THEY MIGHT SUCCEED ONE DAY!
ANTI-SUPERMAN GANG DEFEATED BY KRYPTONIAN CRUSADER By CLARK KENT
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THE END

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TALES OF THE LEGION of SUPER-HEROES

WITH THIS ISSUE, THE *LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES* TAKES OVER THIS SPOT IN *ACTION*, WHILE *SUPERGIRL* MOVES TO *ADVENTURE*. NEXT MONTH YOU'LL FIND THE FIRST OF A NEW *LEGION* SERIES HERE. BUT FOR THOSE WHO AREN'T FAMILIAR WITH THE *SUPER-HEROES*, PLUS THOSE WHO MISSED IT AND HAVE ASKED TO SEE IT, HERE'S THE STORY THAT FIRST LAUNCHED THE *LEGION* STRIP IN *ADVENTURE* NO. 300...

The FACE BEHIND the LEAD MASK!

MY X-RAY VISION IS POWERLESS TO SEE THROUGH YOUR LEAD MASK AND COSTUME! WHO ARE YOU?

I'LL TELL YOU, SUPERBOY... ONLY AFTER I DEFEAT EVERY MEMBER OF THE *LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES*... INCLUDING *YOU*!

SUPER-HERO CLUBHOUSE

INSIDE THIS METROPOLIS CLUB-HOUSE, IN THE 30th CENTURY, THERE EXISTS ONE OF THE MOST AMAZING BANDS OF ALL TIME...THE *LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES*!

AND NOW, LET'S LOOK INTO THE CLUB'S *HALL OF HEROES*, WHICH HONORS ITS TEEN-AGED MEMBERS, EACH OF WHOM POSSESSES *AT LEAST* ONE SPECIAL SUPER-POWER!

COSMIC BOY SUPER-MAGNETISM

SATURN GIRL SUPER-

LIGHTNING LAD SUPER-

SUN BOY SUPER-RADIANCE

CHAMELEON BOY SUPER-

BOY SUPER-

VIOLET SUPER-

INVISIBLE SUPER-

SUPERBOY SUPER-

OUR STORY OPENS AS COSMIC BOY CALLS A MEETING OF THE LEGION TO ORDER..
THERE ARE ONLY A FEW OF US HERE TODAY, BECAUSE MOST MEMBERS ARE AWAY VISITING DIFFERENT PLANETS ON VARIOUS SPACE MISSIONS!...PLEASE BE SEATED, SATURN GIRL!
LIGHTNING LAD SUPER-LIGHTNING
SUN BOY SUPER-RADIANCE
COSMIC BOY SUPER-MAGNETISM
SATURN GIRL SUPER-THOUGHT-CASTING
SOON...
THIS MEETING IS BEING FILMED BY A ROBOT CAMERAMAN. IT WILL BE SHOWN ON MANY PLANETS AS A STERN WARNING TO INTER-PLANETARY CROOKS TO MEND THEIR WAYS, OR FACE CAPTURE BY THE LEGION!
SATURN GIRL SUPER THOUGHT-CASTING
SUDDENLY...
YAAGHH!- AN INVISIBLE MAGNETIC FORCE IS SMASHING ME... AND CAMERA!
COSMIC BOY SUPER-MAGNETISM
BOTH THE ROBOT AND THE CAMERA ARE MADE OF METAL! YOUR SUPER-MAGNETIC POWERS MUST BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OUTRAGE, COSMIC BOY!
GULP!!...I LOST CONTROL OF MY POWERS...DON'T KNOW WHY...
I INHERITED MY POWER FROM MY PARENTS WHO CAME FROM THE PLANET BRAAL. THERE, EVOLUTION GAVE PEOPLE THE POWER TO MAGNETICALLY BATTLE THAT WORLD'S METAL MONSTERS!
IT'S A SUPREME CRIME FOR BRAALIANS TO MIS-USE THEIR SUPER-MAGNETIC POWERS!... GREAT SCOTT! JUST LOOK AT WHAT YOU'RE DOING! HEAT RAYS FROM YOUR FINGERS ARE MELTING DOWN THE ROBOT AND CAMERA INTO... MOLTEN METAL!!
AWP! Y-YOU'RE RIGHT!!
SUN BOY SUPER-RADIANCE
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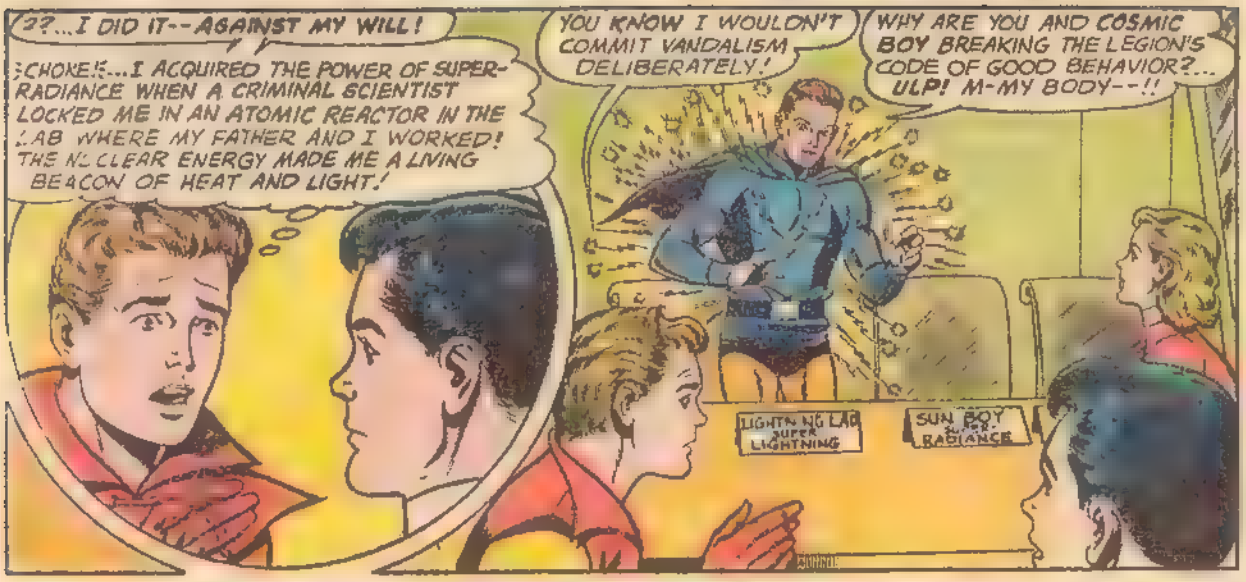
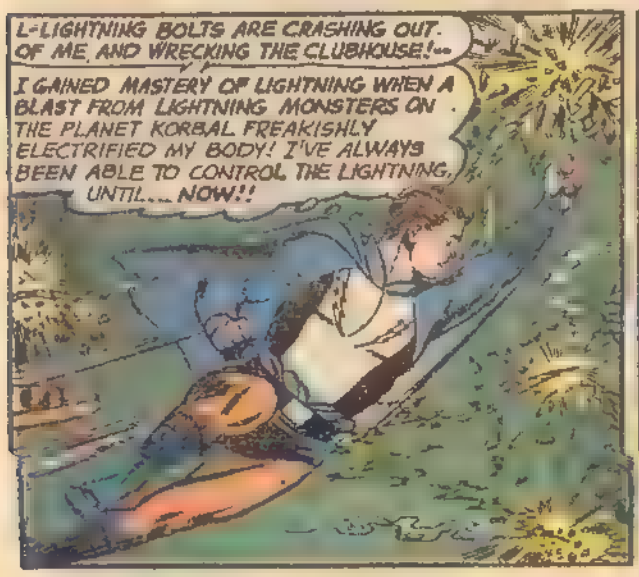
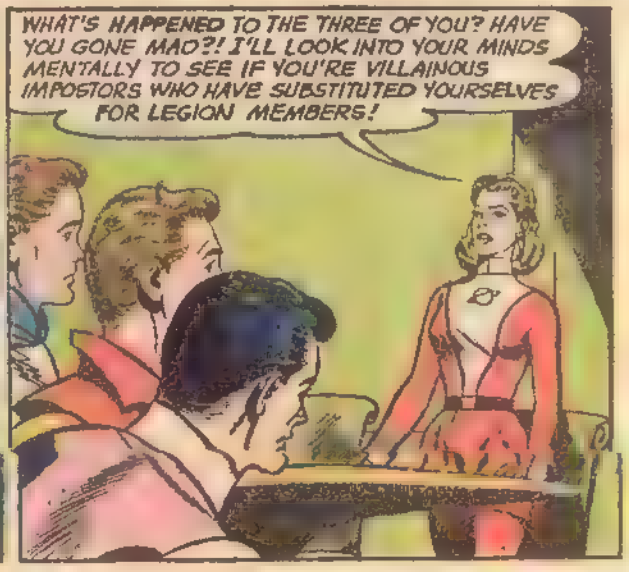
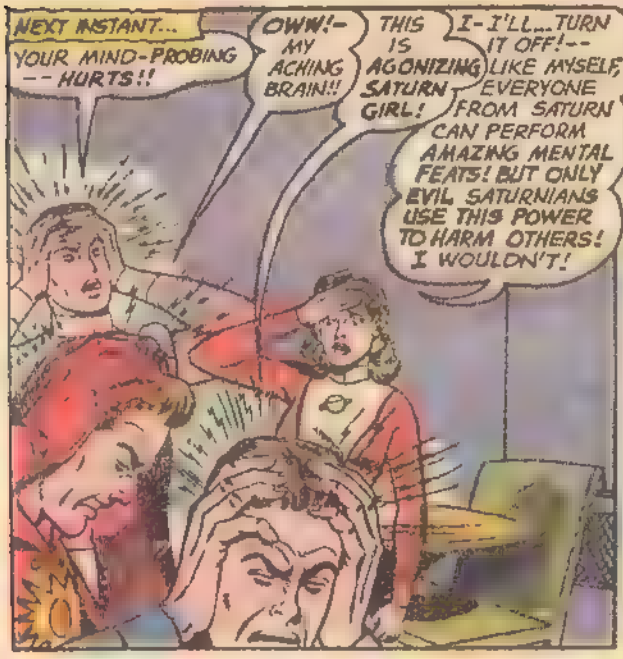
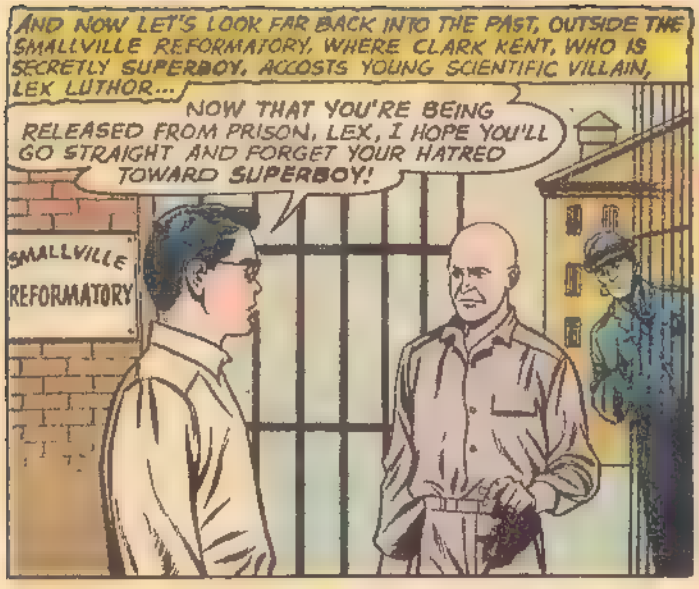

??...I DID IT--AGAINST MY WILL!
CHOKE!...I ACQUIRED THE POWER OF SUPER-RADIANCE WHEN A CRIMINAL SCIENTIST LOCKED ME IN AN ATOMIC REACTOR IN THE LAB WHERE MY FATHER AND I WORKED! THE NUCLEAR ENERGY MADE ME A LIVING BEACON OF HEAT AND LIGHT!
YOU KNOW I WOULDN'T COMMIT VANDALISM DELIBERATELY!
WHY ARE YOU AND COSMIC BOY BREAKING THE LEGION'S CODE OF GOOD BEHAVIOR?... ULP! M-MY BODY--!!
LIGHTNING LAD SUPER LIGHTNING
SUN BOY SUPER RADIANCE

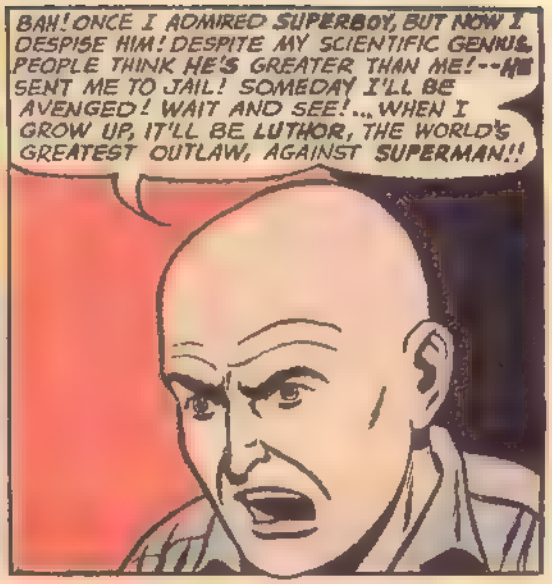

L-LIGHTNING BOLTS ARE CRASHING OUT OF ME, AND WRECKING THE CLUBHOUSE!...
I GAINED MASTERY OF LIGHTNING WHEN A BLAST FROM LIGHTNING MONSTERS ON THE PLANET KORBAL FREAKISHLY ELECTRIFIED MY BODY! I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO CONTROL THE LIGHTNING, UNTIL.... NOW!!

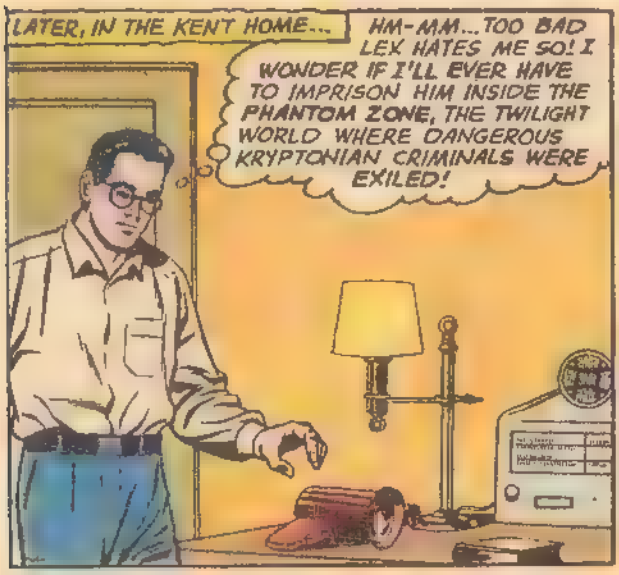

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THE THREE OF YOU? HAVE YOU GONE MAD?! I'LL LOOK INTO YOUR MINDS MENTALLY TO SEE IF YOU'RE VILLAINOUS IMPOSTORS WHO HAVE SUBSTITUTED YOURSELVES FOR LEGION MEMBERS!

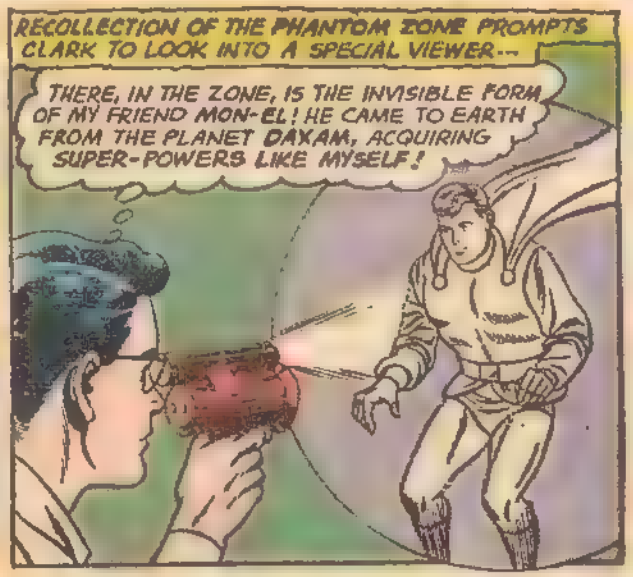

NEXT INSTANT...
YOUR MIND-PROBING --HURTS!!
OWW!- MY ACHING BRAIN!!
THIS IS AGONIZING SATURN GIRL!
I-I'LL...TURN IT OFF!-- LIKE MYSELF, EVERYONE FROM SATURN CAN PERFORM AMAZING MENTAL FEATS! BUT ONLY EVIL SATURNIANS USE THIS POWER TO HARM OTHERS! I WOULDN'T!

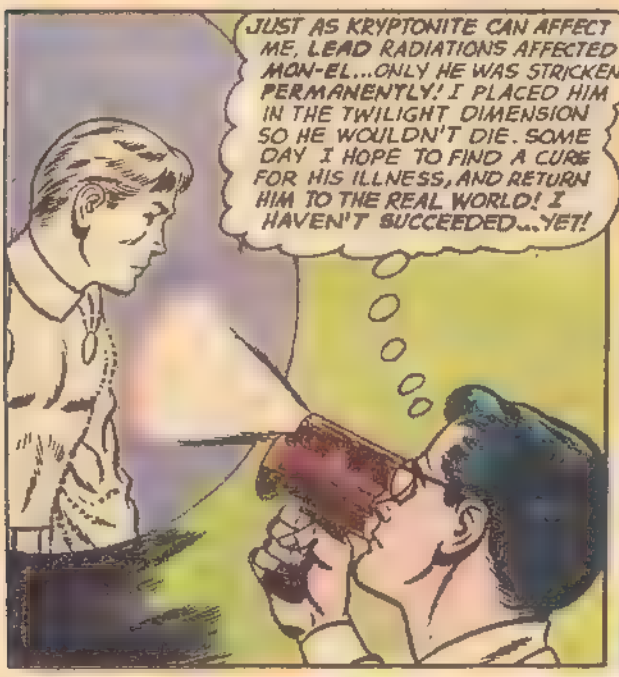
SOMETHING HAS CAUSED ALL OF US TO LOSE CONTROL OVER OUR SUPER-POWERS! PERHAPS THE GREATEST SUPER-LEGIONNAIRE OF ALL... SUPERBOY, WHO LIVES IN THE PAST...CAN SOLVE THIS MYSTERY!-- I'LL SIGNAL FOR HIS HELP!!!
PULL DOWN TO SUMMON SUPERBOY


AND NOW LET'S LOOK FAR BACK INTO THE PAST, OUTSIDE THE SMALLVILLE REFORMATORY, WHERE CLARK KENT, WHO IS SECRETLY SUPERBOY, ACCOSTS YOUNG SCIENTIFIC VILLAIN, LEX LUTHOR...
NOW THAT YOU'RE BEING RELEASED FROM PRISON, LEX, I HOPE YOU'LL GO STRAIGHT AND FORGET YOUR HATRED TOWARD SUPERBOY!
SMALLVILLE REFORMATORY

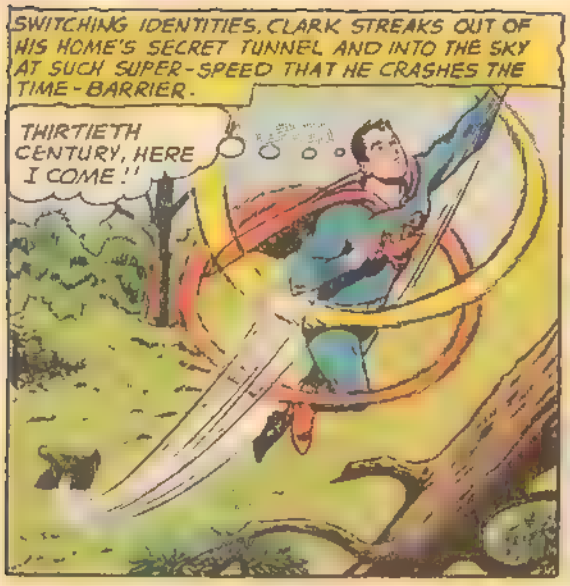

BAH! ONCE I ADMIRED SUPERBOY, BUT NOW I DESPISE HIM! DESPITE MY SCIENTIFIC GENIUS, PEOPLE THINK HE'S GREATER THAN ME!--HE SENT ME TO JAIL! SOMEDAY I'LL BE AVENGED! WAIT AND SEE!... WHEN I GROW UP, IT'LL BE LUTHOR, THE WORLD'S GREATEST OUTLAW, AGAINST SUPERMAN!!

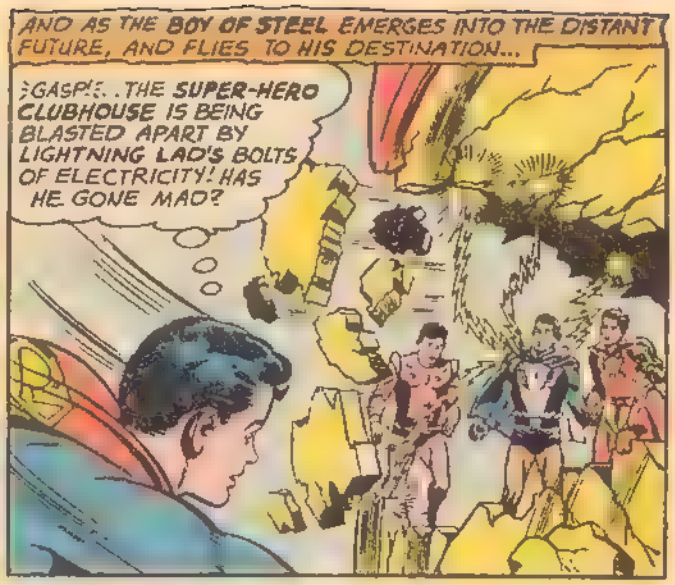

LATER, IN THE KENT HOME...
HM-MM...TOO BAD LEX HATES ME SO! I WONDER IF I'LL EVER HAVE TO IMPRISON HIM INSIDE THE PHANTOM ZONE, THE TWILIGHT WORLD WHERE DANGEROUS KRYPTONIAN CRIMINALS WERE EXILED!

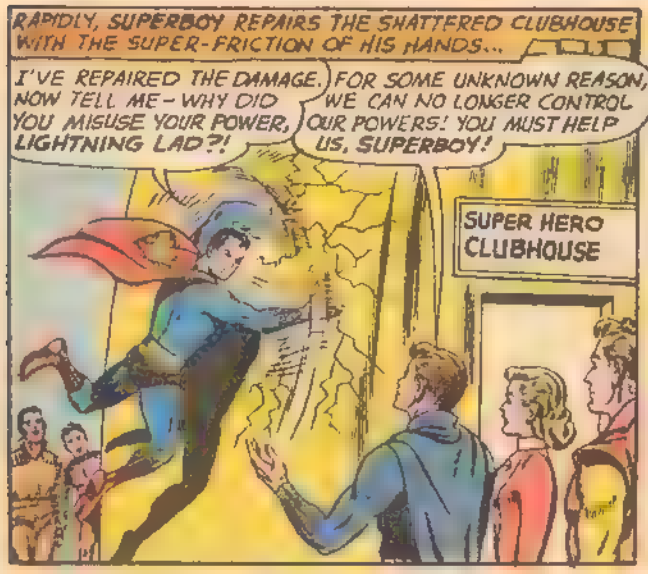

RECOLLECTION OF THE PHANTOM ZONE PROMPTS CLARK TO LOOK INTO A SPECIAL VIEWER--
THERE, IN THE ZONE, IS THE INVISIBLE FORM OF MY FRIEND MON-EL! HE CAME TO EARTH FROM THE PLANET DAXAM, ACQUIRING SUPER-POWERS LIKE MYSELF!

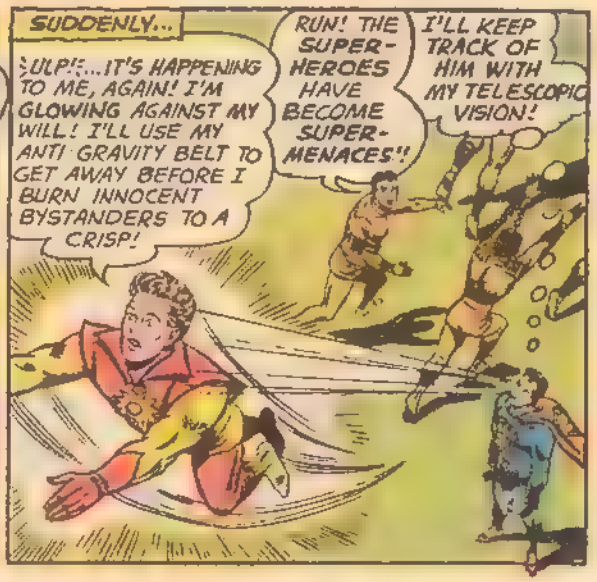

JUST AS KRYPTONITE CAN AFFECT ME, LEAD RADIATIONS AFFECTED MON-EL...ONLY HE WAS STRICKEN PERMANENTLY! I PLACED HIM IN THE TWILIGHT DIMENSION SO HE WOULDN'T DIE. SOME DAY I HOPE TO FIND A CURE FOR HIS ILLNESS, AND RETURN HIM TO THE REAL WORLD! I HAVEN'T SUCCEEDED...YET!

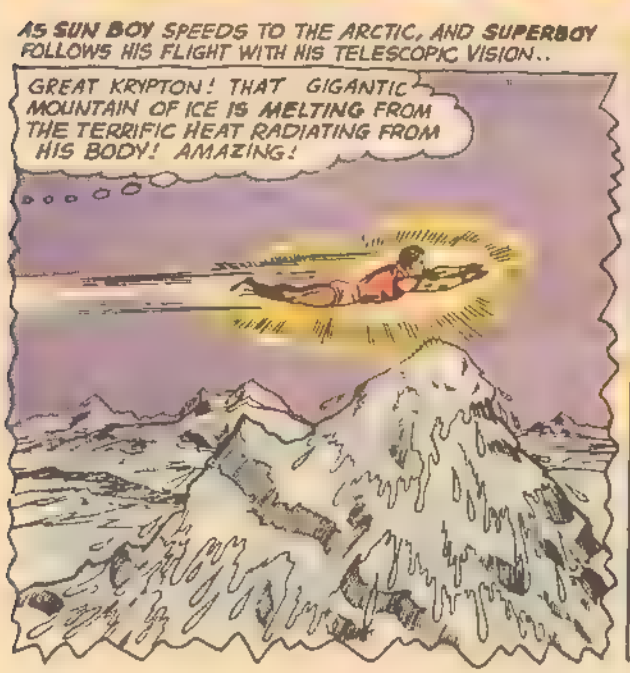
AS CLARK LOWERS THE VIEWER...
OH-OH! MY SIGNAL-LAMP IS NOW FLASHING A CODE MESSAGE! THAT CODE MEANS I'M TO CONTACT THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES IN THE FUTURE!

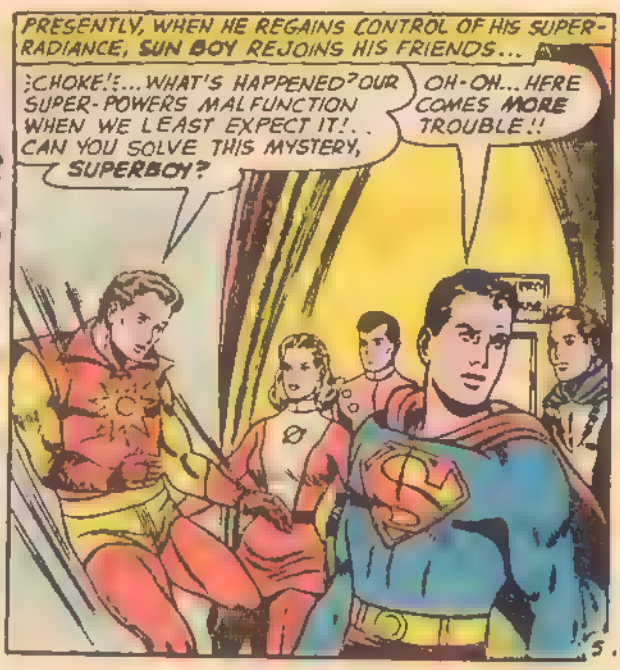

SWITCHING IDENTITIES, CLARK STREAKS OUT OF HIS HOME'S SECRET TUNNEL AND INTO THE SKY AT SUCH SUPER-SPEED THAT HE CRASHES THE TIME-BARRIER.
THIRTIETH CENTURY, HERE I COME!!

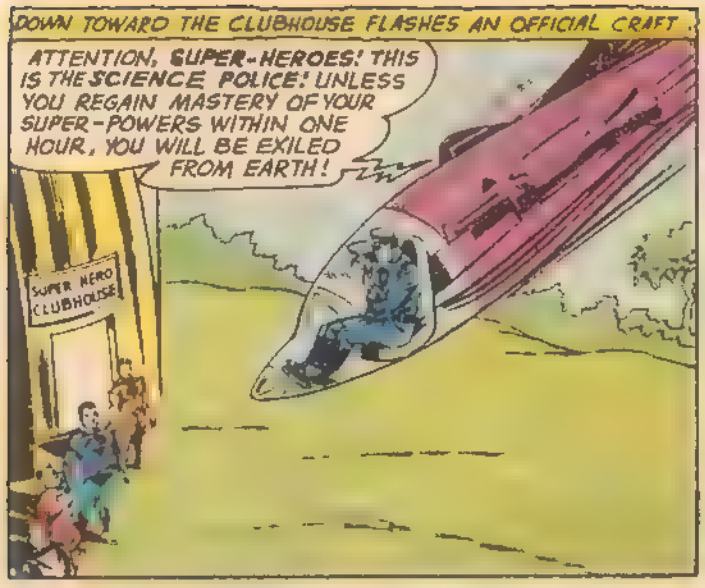

AND AS THE BOY OF STEEL EMERGES INTO THE DISTANT FUTURE, AND FLIES TO HIS DESTINATION...
GASP!... THE SUPER-HERO CLUBHOUSE IS BEING BLASTED APART BY LIGHTNING LAD'S BOLTS OF ELECTRICITY! HAS HE GONE MAD?


RAPIDLY, SUPERBOY REPAIRS THE SHATTERED CLUBHOUSE WITH THE SUPER-FRICTION OF HIS HANDS...
I'VE REPAIRED THE DAMAGE. NOW TELL ME - WHY DID YOU MISUSE YOUR POWER, LIGHTNING LAD?!
FOR SOME UNKNOWN REASON, WE CAN NO LONGER CONTROL OUR POWERS! YOU MUST HELP US, SUPERBOY!
SUPER HERO CLUBHOUSE

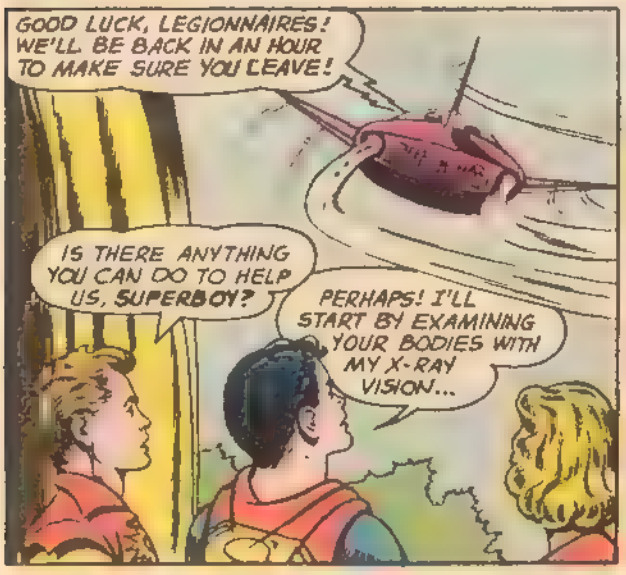

SUDDENLY...
ULP!... IT'S HAPPENING TO ME, AGAIN! I'M GLOWING AGAINST MY WILL! I'LL USE MY ANTI GRAVITY BELT TO GET AWAY BEFORE I BURN INNOCENT BYSTANDERS TO A CRISP!
RUN! THE SUPER-HEROES HAVE BECOME SUPER-MENACES!!
I'LL KEEP TRACK OF HIM WITH MY TELESCOPIC VISION!

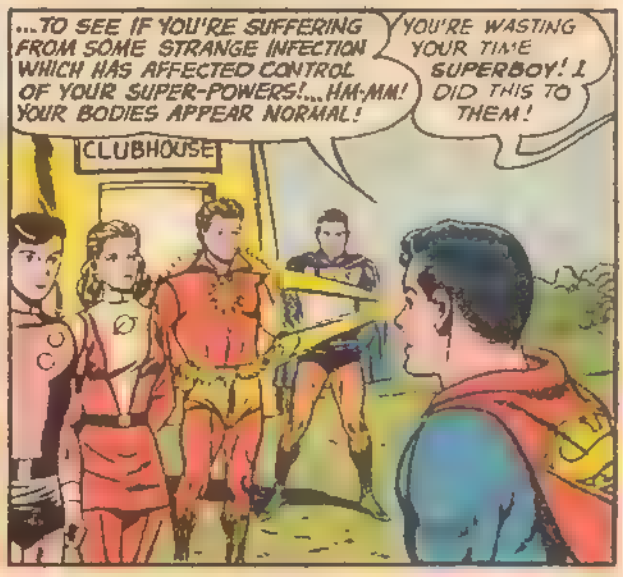

AS SUN BOY SPEEDS TO THE ARCTIC, AND SUPERBOY FOLLOWS HIS FLIGHT WITH HIS TELESCOPIC VISION..
GREAT KRYPTON! THAT GIGANTIC MOUNTAIN OF ICE IS MELTING FROM THE TERRIFIC HEAT RADIATING FROM HIS BODY! AMAZING!

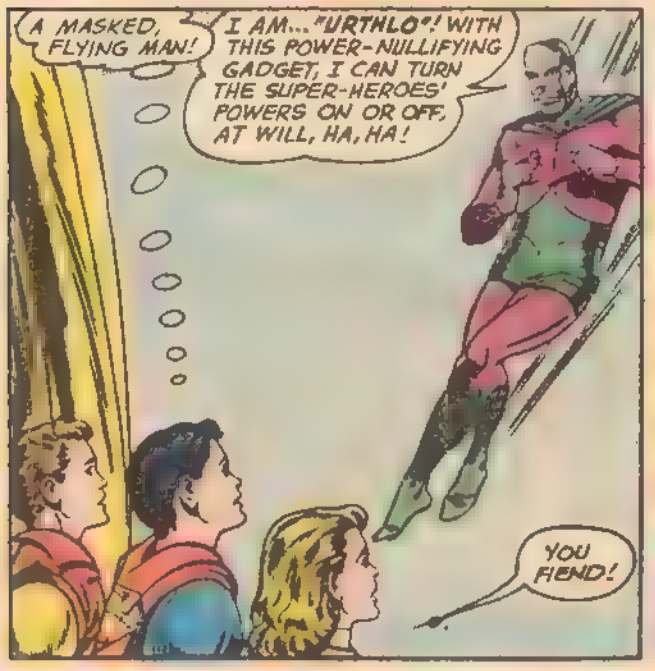

PRESENTLY, WHEN HE REGAINS CONTROL OF HIS SUPER-RADIANCE, SUN BOY REJOINS HIS FRIENDS...
CHOKE!... WHAT'S HAPPENED? OUR SUPER-POWERS MALFUNCTION WHEN WE LEAST EXPECT IT!.. CAN YOU SOLVE THIS MYSTERY, SUPERBOY?
OH-OH... HERE COMES MORE TROUBLE!!


DOWN TOWARD THE CLUBHOUSE FLASHES AN OFFICIAL CRAFT.
ATTENTION, SUPER-HEROES! THIS IS THE SCIENCE POLICE! UNLESS YOU REGAIN MASTERY OF YOUR SUPER-POWERS WITHIN ONE HOUR, YOU WILL BE EXILED FROM EARTH!
SUPER HERO CLUBHOUSE

THOUGH YOU'VE ALWAYS AIDED THE LAW, WE CAN'T ALLOW YOU TO REMAIN HERE IF YOUR UNCONTROLLED POWERS MENACE THE LIVES OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE!


GOOD LUCK, LEGIONNAIRES! WE'LL BE BACK IN AN HOUR TO MAKE SURE YOU LEAVE!
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO HELP US, SUPERBOY?
PERHAPS! I'LL START BY EXAMINING YOUR BODIES WITH MY X-RAY VISION...


...TO SEE IF YOU'RE SUFFERING FROM SOME STRANGE INFECTION WHICH HAS AFFECTED CONTROL OF YOUR SUPER-POWERS!...HM-MM! YOUR BODIES APPEAR NORMAL!
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME SUPERBOY! I DID THIS TO THEM!
CLUBHOUSE


A MASKED, FLYING MAN!
I AM..."URTHLO"! WITH THIS POWER-NULLIFYING GADGET, I CAN TURN THE SUPER-HEROES' POWERS ON OR OFF, AT WILL, HA, HA!
YOU FIEND!

SOME "HEROES"! HA, HA!... NOW YOU'LL HAVE TO LEAVE EARTH -- AND WHEN THE OTHER SUPER-HEROES RETURN FROM THEIR SPACE MISSIONS, I'LL FORCE THEM TO LEAVE THIS PLANET, TOO!
I CAN'T SEE HIS FACE THROUGH THAT LEAD MASK! MY X-RAY VISION CAN'T PENETRATE LEAD!

"URTHLO"! THE NAME IS UNFAMILIAR! WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS TO US? AND WHY ARE YOU WEARING THAT METAL MASK? WHO ARE YOU?
THAT'S MY SECRET! HA, HA!
MAYBE HE'S LYING ABOUT BEING ABLE TO CONTROL OUR POWERS COMPLETELY... ULP! MY MAGNETIC POWER DOESN'T WORK ON HIM!
MY SUPER-RADIANCE! I CAN'T TURN IT ON!
MY SUPER-LIGHTNING ABILITY HAS FAILED ME!
I CAN'T READ HIS MIND!
;CHUCKLE!: I'VE TURNED OFF ALL YOUR SUPER-POWERS!
BUT YOU CAN'T AFFECT ME! I'M VULNERABLE ONLY TO KRYPTONITE! GIVE ME THAT GADGET!
SUDDENLY, TO THE SHOCKED DISMAY OF THE SUPER-HEROES...
SO ONLY KRYPTONITE CAN HARM YOU EH?.. ENJOY MY GREEN KRYPTONITE VISION!!
OWW!... TH-THE PAIN...!... ;MOAN!:
AS HIS FELLOW LEGIONNAIRES PICK UP THE BOY OF STEEL AND FLY OFF WITH HIM...
THE PAIN... AND MY F-FEELING OF WEAKNESS ARE... GOING AWAY...
I'M ALLOWING YOU TO FLY OFF, THOUGH I COULD EASILY TURN OFF THE FLIGHT POWER OF YOUR FLYING BELTS!
FLY AWAY, LEGIONNAIRES! FLEE, AND TRY DESPERATELY TO THINK OF SOME WAY TO COMBAT MIGHTY "URTHLO" EFFECTIVELY! SUFFER LIKE TRAPPED RATS--BECAUSE IN FIFTEEN MINUTES I'LL HUNT YOU DOWN AND DESTROY YOU!
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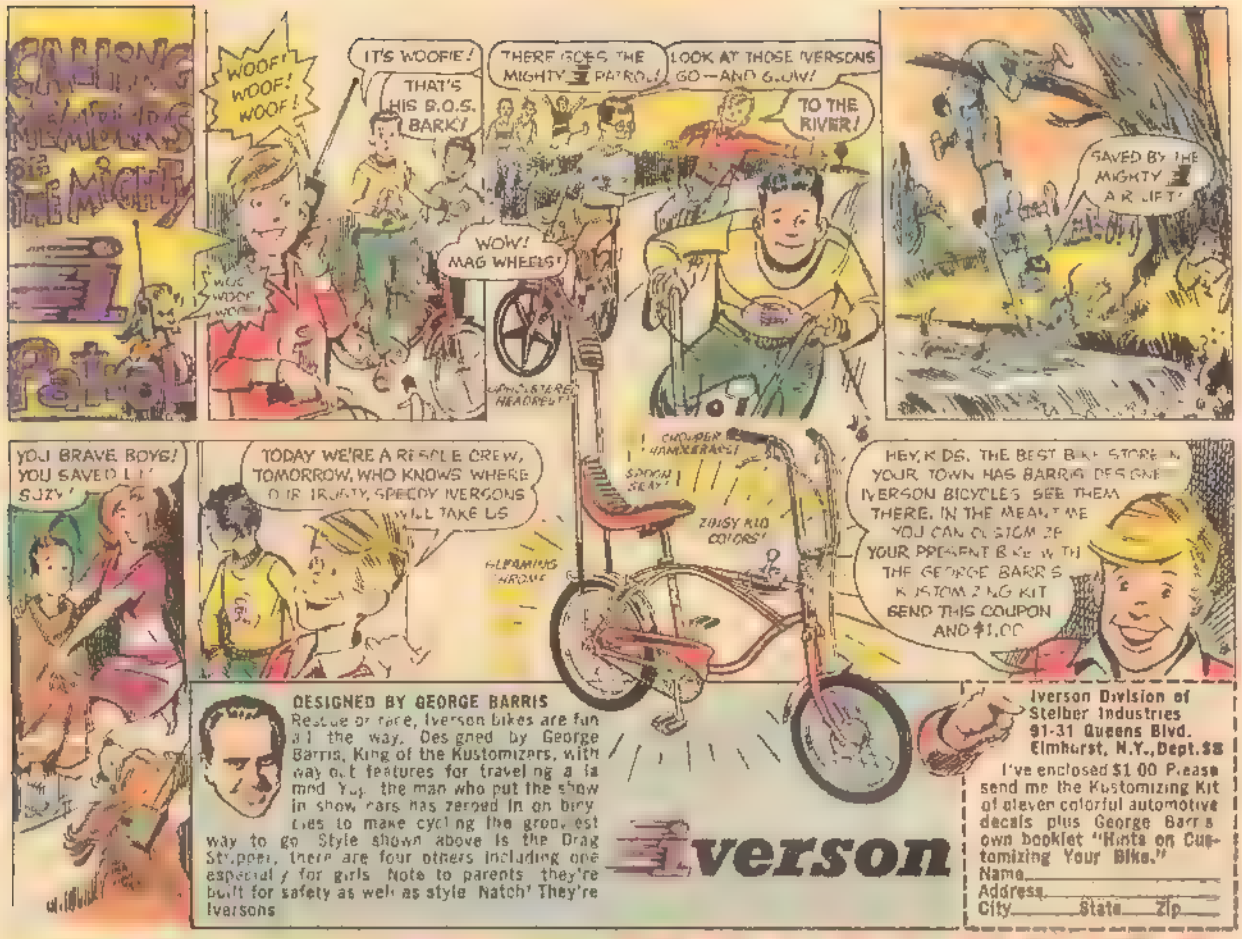
WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!
IT'S WOOFIE! THAT'S HIS B.O.S. BARK!
THERE GOES THE MIGHTY PATROL!
LOOK AT THOSE IVERSONS GO—AND GOW!
TO THE RIVER!
WOW! MAG WHEELS!
SAVED BY THE MIGHTY A.R. LIFT!
YOU BRAVE BOYS! YOU SAVED LI'L SUZY!
TODAY WE'RE A RESCUE CREW, TOMORROW, WHO KNOWS WHERE OUR TRUSTY, SPEEDY IVERSONS WILL TAKE US
HEY, KIDS, THE BEST BIKE STORE IN YOUR TOWN HAS BARRIS DESIGNED IVERSON BICYCLES. SEE THEM THERE. IN THE MEANTIME YOU CAN CUSTOMIZE YOUR PRESENT BIKE WITH THE GEORGE BARRIS KUSTOMIZING KIT. SEND THIS COUPON AND $1.00
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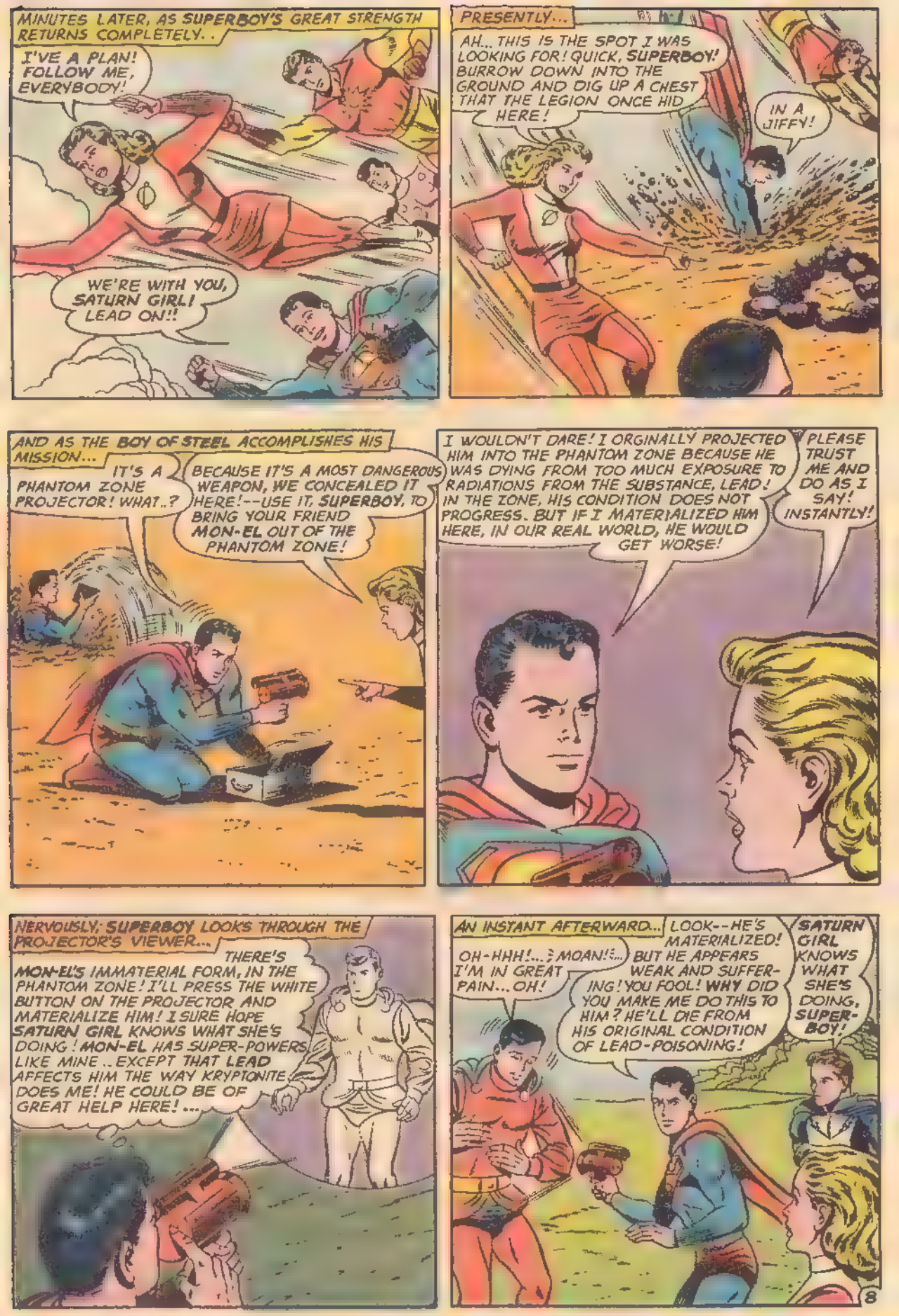
MINUTES LATER, AS SUPERBOY'S GREAT STRENGTH RETURNS COMPLETELY..
I'VE A PLAN! FOLLOW ME, EVERYBODY!
WE'RE WITH YOU, SATURN GIRL! LEAD ON!!
PRESENTLY...
AH... THIS IS THE SPOT I WAS LOOKING FOR! QUICK, SUPERBOY! BURROW DOWN INTO THE GROUND AND DIG UP A CHEST THAT THE LEGION ONCE HID HERE!
IN A JIFFY!
AND AS THE BOY OF STEEL ACCOMPLISHES HIS MISSION...
IT'S A PHANTOM ZONE PROJECTOR! WHAT..?
BECAUSE IT'S A MOST DANGEROUS WEAPON, WE CONCEALED IT HERE!--USE IT, SUPERBOY, TO BRING YOUR FRIEND MON-EL OUT OF THE PHANTOM ZONE!
I WOULDN'T DARE! I ORGINALLY PROJECTED HIM INTO THE PHANTOM ZONE BECAUSE HE WAS DYING FROM TOO MUCH EXPOSURE TO RADIATIONS FROM THE SUBSTANCE, LEAD! IN THE ZONE, HIS CONDITION DOES NOT PROGRESS. BUT IF I MATERIALIZED HIM HERE, IN OUR REAL WORLD, HE WOULD GET WORSE!
PLEASE TRUST ME AND DO AS I SAY! INSTANTLY!
NERVOUSLY, SUPERBOY LOOKS THROUGH THE PROJECTOR'S VIEWER...
THERE'S MON-EL'S IMMATERIAL FORM, IN THE PHANTOM ZONE! I'LL PRESS THE WHITE BUTTON ON THE PROJECTOR AND MATERIALIZE HIM! I SURE HOPE SATURN GIRL KNOWS WHAT SHE'S DOING! MON-EL HAS SUPER-POWERS LIKE MINE.. EXCEPT THAT LEAD AFFECTS HIM THE WAY KRYPTONITE DOES ME! HE COULD BE OF GREAT HELP HERE! ...
AN INSTANT AFTERWARD...
LOOK--HE'S MATERIALIZED! BUT HE APPEARS WEAK AND SUFFERING! YOU FOOL! WHY DID YOU MAKE ME DO THIS TO HIM? HE'LL DIE FROM HIS ORIGINAL CONDITION OF LEAD-POISONING!
OH-HHH!...MOAN!... I'M IN GREAT PAIN...OH!
SATURN GIRL KNOWS WHAT SHE'S DOING, SUPER-BOY!
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AT THAT MOMENT, "URTHLO" ARRIVES...
HA, HA! YOUR DESPERATE SCHEME TO DEFEAT ME WON'T WORK! MON-EL MAY HAVE SUPER-POWERS ON EARTH... BUT YOU FORGOT I WEAR A LEAD MASK! LEAD RADIATIONS CAN KILL MON-EL, CORRECT?
PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR MATERIALIZING YOU, MON-EL ... I-I'VE DOOMED YOU!... CHOKE!
NONSENSE! QUICK, MON-EL! DRINK THIS!
AFTER MON-EL DRINKS...
GREAT KRYPTON! MON-EL IS NO LONGER WEAK AND ILL! HE SEEMS WELL AND POWERFUL AGAIN! GREAT! BUT HOW...?!
AND NOW, MON-EL -- PLEASE PROTECT US FROM OUR MYSTERIOUS FOE!
NO, NO! YOU CAN'T HARM ME! I'M MADE OF LEAD! LEAD RADIATIONS ARE SUPPOSED TO MAKE YOU WEAK AND HELPLESS! THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE... IMPOSSIBLE!
SO YOU'RE MADE OF LEAD, EH? THAT DOESN'T BOTHER ME NOW!
MON-EL IS SMASHING "URTHLO" APART WITH ONE MIGHTY BLOW! ... GASP! ... "URTHLO" IS A ROBOT!
BUT WHY IS MON-EL NO LONGER HARMED BY LEAD RADIATIONS??
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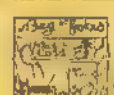

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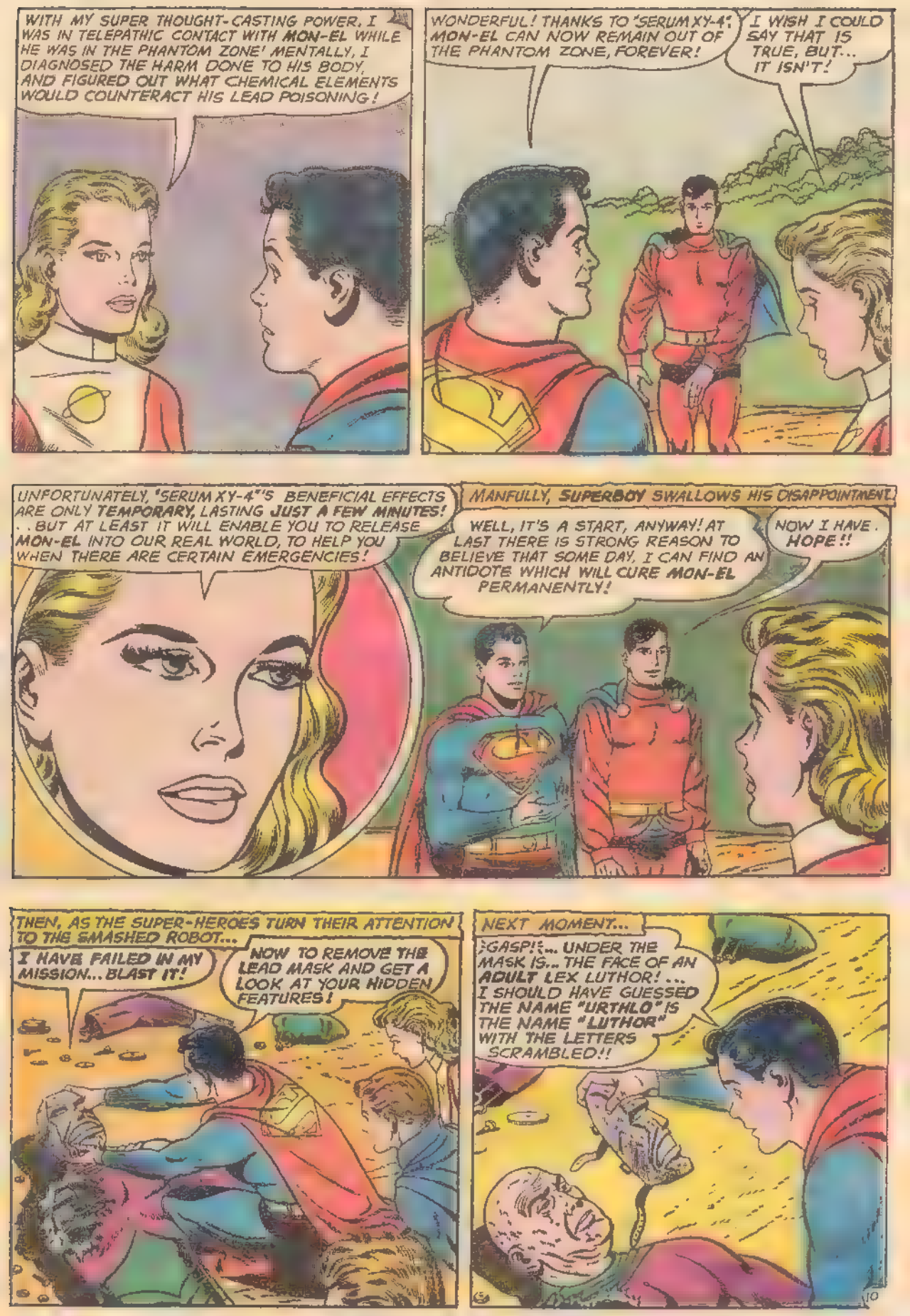
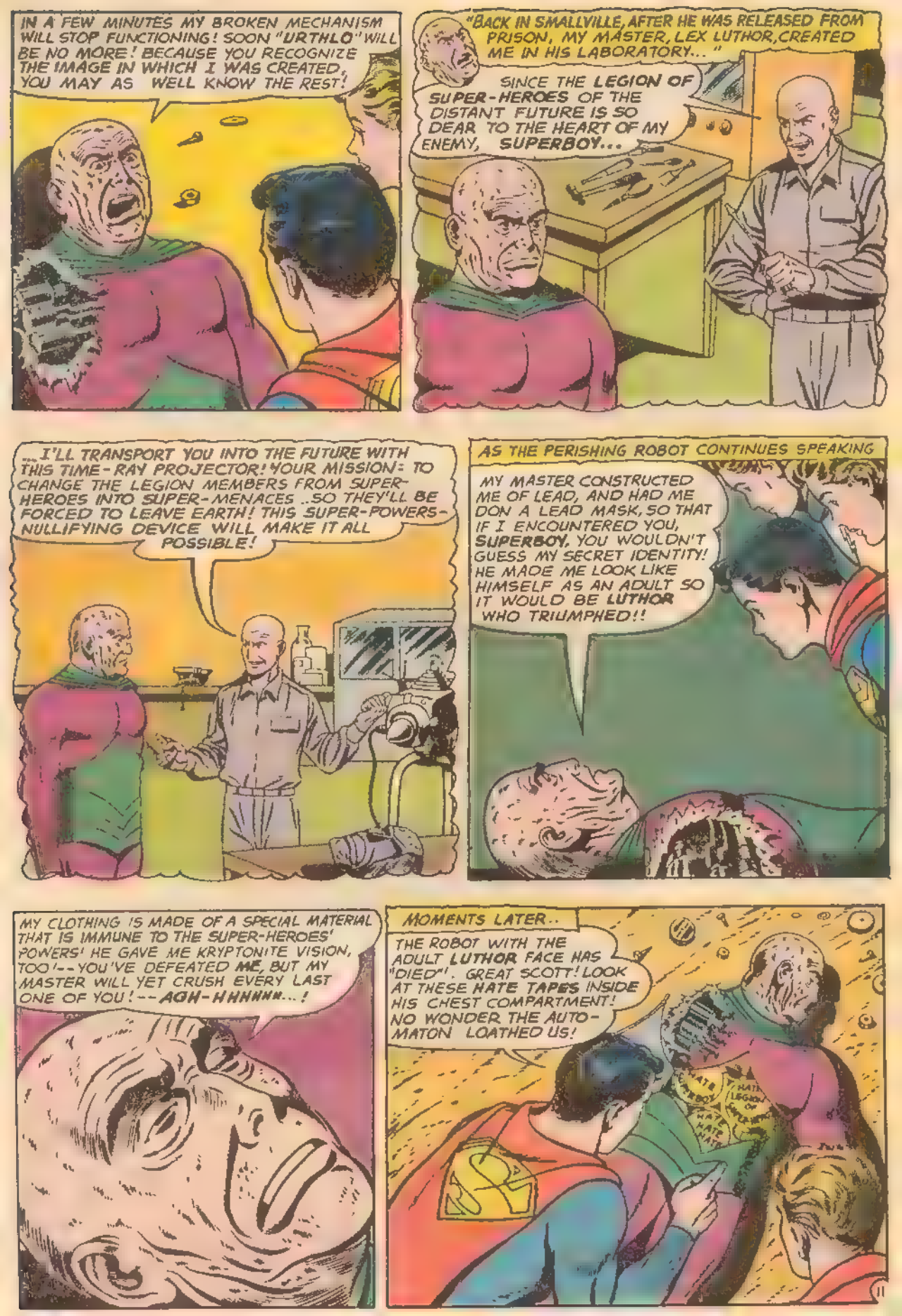

WITH MY SUPER THOUGHT-CASTING POWER, I WAS IN TELEPATHIC CONTACT WITH MON-EL WHILE HE WAS IN THE PHANTOM ZONE! MENTALLY, I DIAGNOSED THE HARM DONE TO HIS BODY, AND FIGURED OUT WHAT CHEMICAL ELEMENTS WOULD COUNTERACT HIS LEAD POISONING!
WONDERFUL! THANKS TO 'SERUM XY-4', MON-EL CAN NOW REMAIN OUT OF THE PHANTOM ZONE, FOREVER!
I WISH I COULD SAY THAT IS TRUE, BUT... IT ISN'T!
UNFORTUNATELY, 'SERUM XY-4"S BENEFICIAL EFFECTS ARE ONLY TEMPORARY, LASTING JUST A FEW MINUTES! . . BUT AT LEAST IT WILL ENABLE YOU TO RELEASE MON-EL INTO OUR REAL WORLD, TO HELP YOU WHEN THERE ARE CERTAIN EMERGENCIES!
MANFULLY, SUPERBOY SWALLOWS HIS DISAPPOINTMENT!
WELL, IT'S A START, ANYWAY! AT LAST THERE IS STRONG REASON TO BELIEVE THAT SOME DAY, I CAN FIND AN ANTIDOTE WHICH WILL CURE MON-EL PERMANENTLY!
NOW I HAVE . HOPE!!
THEN, AS THE SUPER-HEROES TURN THEIR ATTENTION TO THE SMASHED ROBOT...
I HAVE FAILED IN MY MISSION... BLAST IT!
NOW TO REMOVE THE LEAD MASK AND GET A LOOK AT YOUR HIDDEN FEATURES!
NEXT MOMENT...
;GASP!;... UNDER THE MASK IS... THE FACE OF AN ADULT LEX LUTHOR! ... I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED THE NAME "URTHLO" IS THE NAME "LUTHOR" WITH THE LETTERS SCRAMBLED!!


IN A FEW MINUTES MY BROKEN MECHANISM WILL STOP FUNCTIONING! SOON "URTHLO" WILL BE NO MORE! BECAUSE YOU RECOGNIZE THE IMAGE IN WHICH I WAS CREATED, YOU MAY AS WELL KNOW THE REST!
"BACK IN SMALLVILLE, AFTER HE WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON, MY MASTER, LEX LUTHOR, CREATED ME IN HIS LABORATORY..."
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AS THE PERISHING ROBOT CONTINUES SPEAKING
MY MASTER CONSTRUCTED ME OF LEAD, AND HAD ME DON A LEAD MASK, SO THAT IF I ENCOUNTERED YOU, SUPERBOY, YOU WOULDN'T GUESS MY SECRET IDENTITY! HE MADE ME LOOK LIKE HIMSELF AS AN ADULT SO IT WOULD BE LUTHOR WHO TRIUMPHED!!
MY CLOTHING IS MADE OF A SPECIAL MATERIAL THAT IS IMMUNE TO THE SUPER-HEROES' POWERS! HE GAVE ME KRYPTONITE VISION, TOO!--YOU'VE DEFEATED ME, BUT MY MASTER WILL YET CRUSH EVERY LAST ONE OF YOU!--AGH-HHHHHH...!
MOMENTS LATER..
THE ROBOT WITH THE ADULT LUTHOR FACE HAS "DIED"! GREAT SCOTT! LOOK AT THESE HATE TAPES INSIDE HIS CHEST COMPARTMENT! NO WONDER THE AUTOMATON LOATHED US!
HATE SUPERBOY
HATE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES
HATE HATE HATE
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SOON, BACK AT THE SUPER-HERO CLUBHOUSE...

NOW THAT YOU'VE CONQUERED THE FOE WHO TRIED TO MAKE SUPER-MENACES OUT OF YOU, THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU HEROES TO GO INTO EXILE!

BECAUSE YOU SAVED US, MON-EL, WE HEREBY VOTE YOU OUR CLUB'S NEWEST MEMBER! WE ADMIRE YOU SO GREATLY THAT YOU WILL NOT HAVE TO PASS OUR USUAL SUPER-INITIATION TEST!

BUT, MOMENTS LATER, AS THE ANTIDOTE WEARS OFF...

OH-OH! MON-EL LOOKS WEAK AND SUFFERING AGAIN! THE SERUM'S TEMPORARY EFFECT WORE OFF, SO I'LL SEND HIM BACK INTO THE SAFETY OF THE PHANTOM ZONE!

GOODBYE, MON-EL! SOME DAY I WILL CREATE A SERUM WHICH WILL CURE YOU PERMANENTLY... I PROMISE!!

FAREWELL, FELLOW LEGIONNAIRES! I MUST RETURN TO MY OWN TIME-ERA NOW, THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER!

SO LONG, SUPERBOY!

SEE YOU AGAIN SOON... I HOPE!

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AS THE BOY OF STEEL VANISHES FROM VIEW...

IF NOT FOR SUPERBOY AND MON-EL, THE LEGION WOULD HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BY THAT HATE-MADDENED ROBOT!

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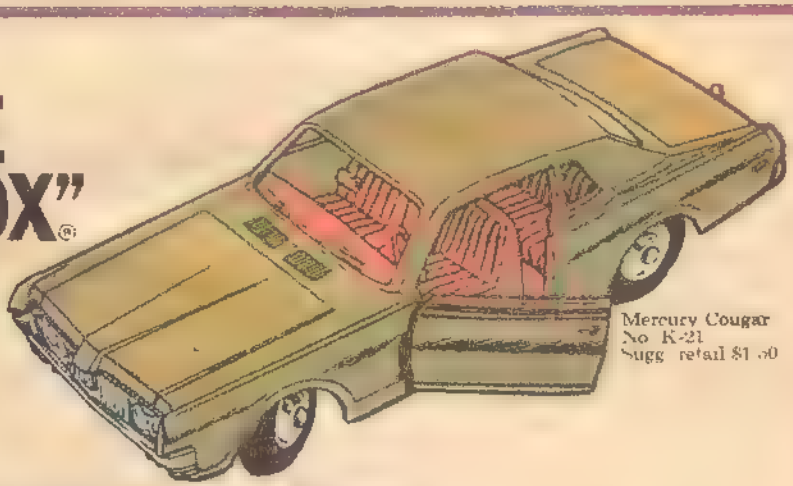

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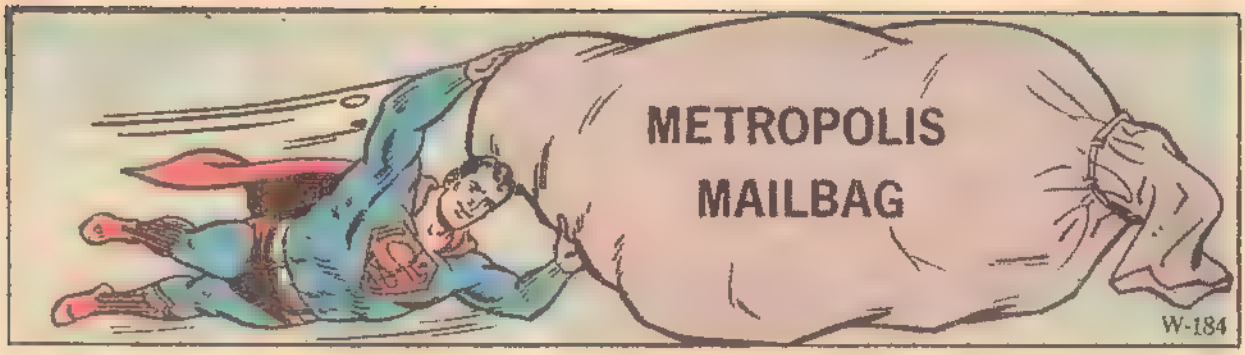

Dear Editor:

Please give larger parts in your Legion stories to the underworked Legionnaires, like Shrinking Violet, Element Lad, Invisible Kid and Colossal Boy. Give them a chance for once, without putting Superboy, Karate Kid, or Brainiac 5 in the story. These heroes are being used so much, I'm afraid some day I'll open a SUPERBOY mag and find only the words: "Sorry--Superboy is in the 30th century!"

—John McDonald, Richmond Hill, N.Y.

(Now that the Legion has the second spot in ACTION, that's exactly what we intend to do—give the lesser Legionnaires bigger roles. Very soon, Timber Wolf and Light Lass star; for another issue, Jim Shooter has dreamed up a very different tale featuring Matter-Eater Lad, Shrinking Violet and Duplicate Boy, one of the heroes of the planet Lallor. But Superboy will be absent most of the time—so he'll have plenty of time for his own mag. By the way, don't miss Supergirl's debut as the star of ADVENTURE, in the June issue, now on sale!—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

I am a true believer in DC comics, and have been for seven years. But I still haven't gotten one thing straight. Which super-hero, out of all the various comic publications, came out first. A friend of mine thinks it was a certain red-clad hero who is no longer around today. I believe the first super-hero was Superman. Please set me straight on this.

—Brian Hoye, Travis Air Force Base, Cal.

(You're absolutely right. Supie came out about a year before that other hero. For more on the subject, see the following letter.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

In Stephen Becker's book, "Comic Art in America," this was said about Superman: "Underneath all the activities of the thirties, a new kind of strip was coming to life, and with it a new kind of periodical. The prototype of the new strip was Superman, and it was largely thanks to him that comic books rose to startling heights of popularity. He was not the first character to be put between paper covers; he never appeared in print until June, 1938, and comic books had been published as early as 1933. But Superman's appearance triggered an explosion in the comic book world."

—John Baxter, Wichita, Kan.

(Mr. Becker was so right! At first, comic mags were devoted chiefly to reprints of newspaper strips. The first magazine to offer all-new stories was DETECTIVE COMICS, in 1937. There were a few mystery men in comics before Superman—mostly men in business suits and masks—but the Man of Steel was the first true super-powered hero, and he set the trend that was followed by countless others.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Does Superman still have his Legion flight-ring? Does Supergirl take her ring with her to the 20th century? These rings could be useful if the super-cousins find themselves in a place where they have no super-powers. Or they might help in escaping Kryptonite traps.

—Leonard Philip Zinna, Brooklyn, N.Y.

(True—and if Supergirl would just carry hers with her, she might find it useful. However, Superman's case is different. The flight-ring he wore as Superboy will no longer fit his finger.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Many readers have complete faith in any statement Superman makes, but this can lead us astray—as in ACTION No. 374, when he states: "Everyone knows, if ice is too cold and hard, it becomes too slippery for anyone to skate on." In fact, the almost frictionless condition between skate blade and ice results from the increased pressure under the blade melting the ice, thus creating a thin layer of water between blade and ice. This water instantly re-freezes as the skater moves on, creating a slippery condition. If the ice were frozen to hundreds of degrees below zero, as Superman did in the story, it would remain entirely frozen, even under the pressure from the blades. The blades would then simply cut into the ice and not slide at all. The skaters, then, hit the area frozen by Superman, and fell, as if they had skated onto linoleum or concrete. Supie's plan worked, but for a different reason than that stated.

—A Fan of Superman *and* Truth

(Looks like it was the story's author who actually "slipped up," eh?—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

In ACTION No. 372, in the last panel on page 9, Superman doesn't have a mask on. Then, a moment later, in the first panel on page 10, he's wearing the mask. This seems peculiar to me, since he had no time to put it on.

—Barry Easton, Northridge, Calif.

(You said it! Maybe Supie was wearing the mask on page 9, but the artist was looking at him with X-ray vision.—Ed.)

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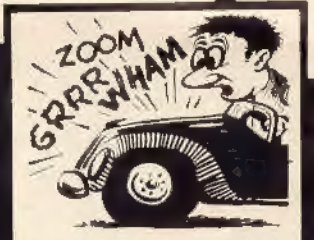

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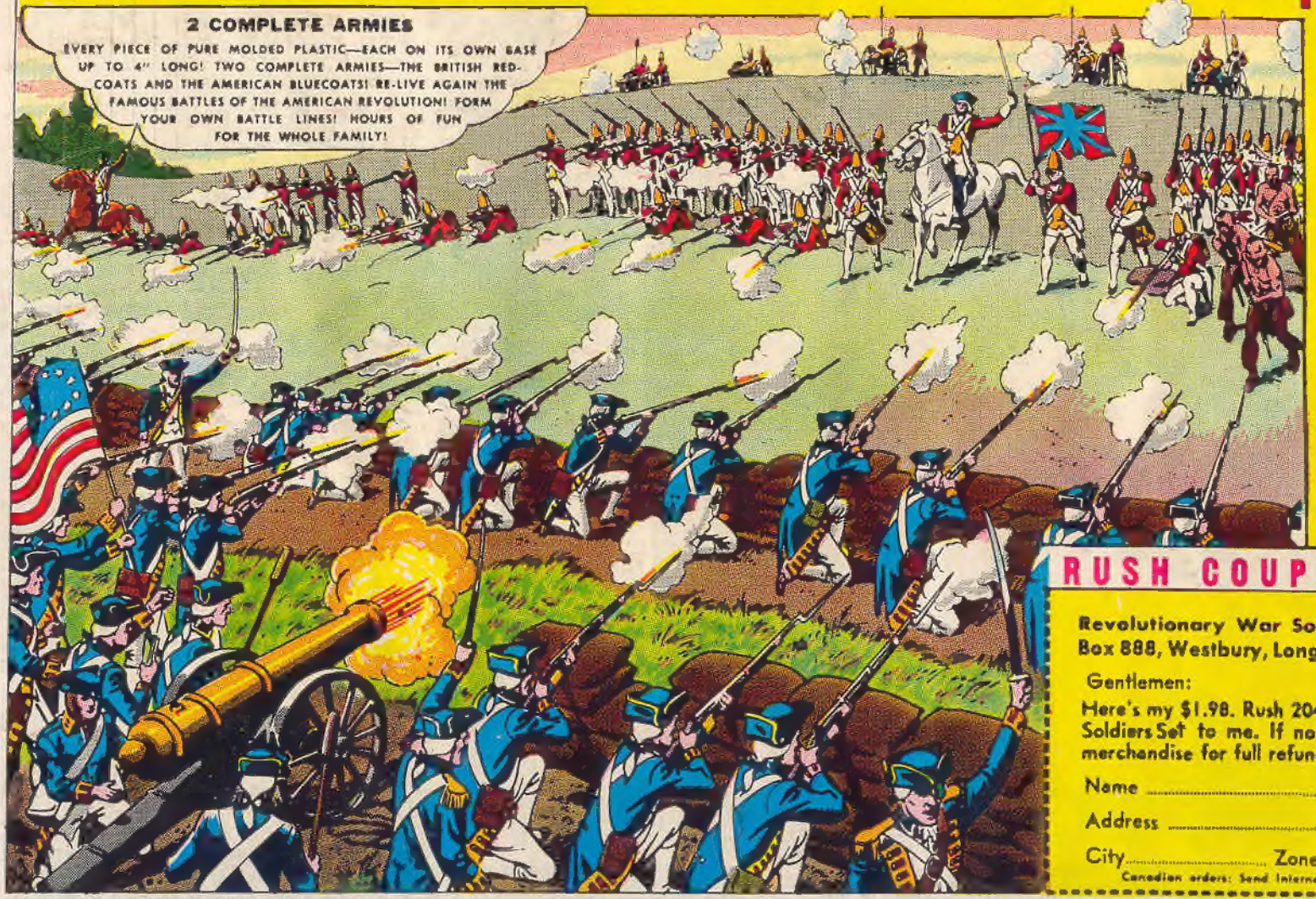

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